

All Saints Presbyterian Church
Women's Ministry Committee
Meeting #7 October 15, 2011
8:30—10:00 a.m.
Church Office

MINUTES

1. Muffins, fruit, coffee. Raine read Isaiah 25 and opened in prayer.
2. No old business
3. New Business
 - a. Retreat lunch
 - at Shelley's
 - Bonnie is in charge, the event will be catered
 - b. Retreat updates
 - we will invite other churches in Austin
 - small groups will be divided up by churches (e.g. each church will have its own small groups)
 - we will have home church listed on the nametag
 - but will not be segregated at meals--don't want to repeat the Parable of the Four Tables from Melissa's experience
 - offer a reduced daytime rate (for those not spending the night) of \$50
 - MK will share list of those who have signed up so that WMC can follow up with those not yet signed up (MK emailed 10/20)
 - Patty will let WMC know if last minute things come up
 - Leslie Chiang is doing a pulpit announcement on 10/23
 - we will NOT introduce the WMC at the retreat, Meg will write something for next month's newsletter (more below in Action Items)
 - c. Christmas event (to be held Sat Nov 5)--under Children's Ministry Committee purview
 - d. Churchwide picnic will be held on November 6th
 - e. Update from the Missions Committee Meeting
 - Jen attended the Missions Committee Meeting last month--discussion focused on how to engage our congregation in ministry opportunities
 - desire to organically make it known that we (All Saints) are about missions--both international and local

- Jen suggests that the WMC make our own plan and DO IT.
 - need to grow with people who will lead the charge and take the next step to engage
- Does the WMC have to stay within the Mission Committee vision? Or can we do our own things? A bit of both...
 - resolved to do what we feel called to--provided we are not spending money
 - if WMC wants to spend money, must go thru Mission Committee
- Brooke introduced the idea of a churchwide Service Day to kick start involvement
 - work thorough small groups
 - give the main organizations that All Saints supports to small group leaders so that they will know what is already going on
 - Brooke will make a list of the major ministry opportunities
- one breakdown in service is actually getting together opportunities of times to help, things to do
 - difficulty in finding things that are ready, tasks prepared for volunteers
 - makes it difficult to foster an awareness of what's going on
 - MJG gave example about organization that picks up trash--no prep, no ambiguity
- try to pick opportunities especially for women
- make a newsletter section in which ladies can share what they are involved with
 - also, introduce a list of people on the website so it is easy to see who to talk to about Lifecare, Side by Side Kids, etc.
- adopt a structure for deliberate collections
 - put that info on website
 - maybe introduce hampers for collection at church--could have one for everything (school supplies, baby things--would be easy to separate out)
 - get it in peoples' minds in lieu of Goodwill

4. General Brainstorm: *If Womens' Ministry at All Saints was exactly what we wanted, it would be/include....*
 - a. Report from MK about WIC conference in Atlanta
 - the largest breakout session was Women in Crisis
 - the second was one dealing with end of life, aging parent issues
 - b. discussion about Stephen ministry sort of structure to enable All Saints to care for people in crisis--the "engaged friend"
 - c. goal: to have women at All Saints "out there" sharing life challenges with accessibility, maturity and love.

5. Closed in prayer

Action Items:

- a. MK will share list of those who have signed up so that WMC can follow up with those not yet signed up (MK emailed 10/20)
- b. MR will write a small piece for next month's women's newsletter
 - who we are, what we do...
 - it will include a link to the minutes from our meetings
- c. BS will make a list of the major ministry opportunities