

Agenda for Feb 23 Meeting

Present: Mallory Brennan, Alex Walker, Sydney Walker, Jen Cline, Jane Walker, Carl Hearn, Susan Fischer, Linda Olson, Ann Stokes, Joey Lawson

1. Debrief of loneliness lunch and learn
 - Finances
 - Costs: \$100 speaker honorarium
 - \$88 collected in donations
 - Total Cost: \$12 split between inclusivity and reaching out (\$6 each)
 - 30 people attended, ~4 from outside WK
 - For future events: post in OSCO group on Facebook, get poster done earlier (delay due to last minute speaker change)
2. New Secretary for committee
 - Alex is stepping down as secretary
 - Mallory taking notes today (Feb 23), need new permanent secretary starting next meeting
3. Overview of the Affirming Process
 - Mallory/Alex gave a brief overview of the Affirming process
 - See attachment to this email
4. March 8 Panel Discussion Planning
 - Share demographics of each church before speakers, introduce speakers before they, microphone for questions
 - Jane will ask Dave to set up microphone for panel
 - Papers/pens to write questions during panel discussion
 - Location: social hall
 - Start time 12pm
 - 3 speakers (Riverside, Trinity, FSA) sharing 5-10 minutes of their church experiences followed by questions
 - Mallory will email Sheila (LC) to email to committee members
 - Food: Costco pies, Jane can buy pies (6) + coffee/tea (breakfast team, Ron Olson)
 - Posters
 - Talk to Margo about seniors who get rides (Mallory)
 - Talk to Paul to mention to seniors (Jane)
 - **If you have specific questions for the panel email them to Mallory!**
5. Recruitment of new members, establish regular meeting times, communication
 - Last Sunday of every month after worship
 - Next meetings: March 29, April 26, May 31
 - For newsletter- new members welcome, meeting times, mention committee members
6. Moving Forward
 - Save the date for Affirm United Annual Conference and AGM in London this summer (July 24-26)
 - Registration for pride parade
 - Jane will register us

- we have a truck for a float (thanks Brian Dalton!)
7. other possible events/long term planning (see the long list below from our annual report!)
- senior's connection want to do a blanket exercise
 - some sort of event on how to serve people with chronic illness
 - mental health training/first aid? (with breakfast/community meal programs)
 - **If you have other specific ideas, be prepared to present them at our next meeting**

Questions for Speakers:

- How did you address people in the congregation who had reservations? How did you make sure all voices felt heard?
- How has the affirming process changed your church?
- Why did you begin the affirming process?