

MEMBERSHIP TEAM REPORT 2013/2014

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The membership team had a period of slumber and kicked off the 2014 year with a desire to re-launch and revitalize. Emma Sousa stepped up to Chair the team (Kim Sousa co-chair).

We actually had 2 preliminary kickoff meetings looking for people to jump on board as part of the new membership team. We had great enthusiasm for the re-launching of the team.

Current team membership stands as follows:

Victoria Agnew
Kim Sousa
Emma Sousa
Sherri Woolsey
Fred Shirley
Dave Unger
Nancy Cegalis
Lorraine Arlan
Monica Staples

We began our revitalization with vision and mission statement reviews. Currently we are still wrapping up finalization of these and while it has taken several months to get to where we are, we felt it was worth the time to invest in making sure that our statements encompass both the mission and vision we see as a team, as well as the mission and vision of UU of Nashua.

The team agreed that we would meet monthly on the second Monday of each month.

We have been diligently trying to tackle things which need direct attention such as the following items:

1. Greeting
 - a. We have reviewed a Greeter Instruction sheet provided by Sherri and modified this to bring it to what we feel are current standards for UU of Nashua today. This is now being provided to any greeter who signs up for a given Sunday to greet. The document provides them with basic instructions on what is required for greeting.
 - b. We have made the purchase of large yellow greeter buttons in an effort to allow visitors to more easily recognize who could assist them during the time visiting with us.
 - c. Greeters are encouraged to wear the button throughout the service and into coffee hour to continue to meet and greet.
 - d. We have had great success getting new faces to greet each Sunday and are currently working to get greeters to step up for the remainder of June and for Summer greeting.
2. Gifts & Talents Survey
 - a. This is another document provided by Sherri which plays a vital role in helping other committees/teams to be able to connect with those gifts/talents that may fit a need that a team has or that a group may have need for during special events.
 - b. Those that fill this out could be entered into the church database and at some point have a report run against a specific type of gift and then this can be provided to those who need to connect with those people to ask if they are willing to assist.

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- c. The team has reviewed this document with care and we are on the final publication of this document in hopes of launching during the time of the site redesign.
3. Welcome Banner
 - a. Our team discussed the need to replace the welcome sign in the back of the sanctuary with a newer more professional looking one. It was agreed that the chosen banner now in place can also serve as a means of being used in other venues and can even be portable enough to take to things like the Winter Stroll or outdoor events where UU may have a table with literature.
4. Magnetic Name Badges
 - a. It was suggested that we begin to look at other options to replace our existing name badges currently being used.
 - b. Kim Sousa is researching this project and currently it is ongoing.
5. Hello Campaign
 - a. This idea was sparked by a conversation with Kim and Olivia
 - b. After discussion the team began a campaign to call the church membership simply to say hello and share some upcoming events and to have this completed by June 12th.
6. Joys & Concerns
 - a. The team has recently decided to begin a rotating schedule for Sundays to write up the joys and concerns to assist Sherri.
7. UU101
 - a. The team had a guest visitor from Spiritual Development – Jerry Ross. He spoke of the need to collaborate with us in this 1 hour workshop. It was suggested that perhaps some from our team may step up and co-teach/co-assist this workshop on a rotational schedule.
 - b. During one of the UU101 classes, Lorraine Arlan and Emma Sousa participated to see the format of the class and how it was taught.
 - c. Currently, Emma is working with Jerry to create a PowerPoint presentation which can be used for future classes to allow for a more interactive media rich class.
 - d. Emma will participate in future classes with Jerry and Sherri as an assistant with hopes of rotating into a schedule at some future point.

The above are those topics which we have discussed and have actively worked or are working on. We have had other topical discussions, but at this time I want this report to reflect the active work our team has been involved in.

Since this is my first spin at chairing such a group and summarizing the team's activities, it is my desire to put before the team as the year wraps up to lay out a scope or skeletal structure of the upcoming year and things which we desire to tackle. This will give us a framework to use for that upcoming year and allow us to stay more focused to the mission/vision statement our team has developed.

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