Fellowship Group Report March 2010

Current Committee Chairs-

Welcoming- Carol Robinson
Neighborhood Ntwrks- Laure McKinnon & Christine Blasman
Hospitality- Lynne Herron
Small Groups- Barbara Leighton
Social- Vacant
Volunteering- Vacant

Committee Activities

Neighborhood Networks -

Laure and Christine are addressing Dot Sunday issues. It was determined that Dot Sunday is extremely valuable in getting new members and friends plugged in to the community however meeting space for all of the groups is becoming scarce as RE continues to grow. As a short-term solution, (and to help with participation) some of the Neighborhoods are being combined. Those Neighborhoods are; Westlake & Southern Comfort (have already merged- new name is "Eastenders",) Simi Valley & Belly Button, Wildwood & Northwest Territory and The Redwoods & Old Meadows. The goal is to have potlucks in members' homes to integrate the new groups before the next Dot Sunday which is on May 30th. This will make 6 Neighborhoods rather than 10.

Fellowship Group is exploring the idea of shortening the services on Dot Sunday's or creating an entire hour between all services to accommodate all of the groups with as little impact as possible on RE.

Welcoming-

At this time, Carol is looking for 3 volunteers to replace recent resignations. (All have left with good feelings- they just have too many other commitments) Along with the 3 volunteers, Carol would also like to find someone who could consistently take photos of Friends and Members for the database and another person who could manage the "Information Wall" in Fellowship Hall.

Welcoming is specifically requesting Leadership to take a moment at coffee hour every week to introduce themselves to someone whom they don't know. New visitors get plenty of attention, but people who have visited 5 or more times need us to get to know them.

Welcoming is also specifically requesting that the Council re-visit inserts in to OoS. Also, on that note, I've been asked what the boundaries are for the table in Fellowship Hall. Whose responsibility is that table?

Small Groups-

Barbara reports that the Jasmine Group has stopped meeting and has been re-absorbed by the Jonquil Group. Inquiries have been made by members to start 2 new groups.

Hospitality-

Lynne reports that things are well in the kitchen. Penny Smith has been recruiting and training new volunteers and they are all working out well.

Social-

May 22- NSR Blues Band Dance Party August 6- CVUUF Summer Campout

Volunteer-

Jeff Goldstein has stepped down to focus on the Canvass.

Respectfully Submitted by Dana Ryon- Fellowship Group Chair