

August 1, 2011

Attending: Jim E, Marilyn M, Margaret M, Chris F, Marlene W, Donna H, Sid T, Jan T, Paul W and Darla E.

Members received the meeting notes from the May 2, 2011 meeting. One change was suggested and Chris will make this and re-post on the website.

Paul and Chris had nothing to report from the Co-coordinators.

Paul mentioned that Steve Melby is putting together a Native American flute and Centering Prayer gathering. The date for the first session being considered is August 13. Details will be in an eUpdate, but a monthly gathering is being considered.

Paul and Chris talked about an upcoming service team to help with events in the chapter. Chris is working to have conversations to recruit for this. Paul mentioned the October 22nd Contemplative Dialog Retreat Day, and the need for several people to help with planning for this. This will be planned jointly with Center for Social Ministry. Sid and Jim agreed to help Paul with this.

Paul and Jane provided an update on the Second Tuesday continuing series that begins. Jane, Donna and Jan are organizing this. The Lounge and Coffee Shop at Plymouth have been reserved from September through May. The Dark Night of the Soul by Gerald May will be used as the text. This will also be published in the Plymouth brochure of events. Paul will facilitate the first session, and Jane will do the Centering Prayer for the first session.

Upcoming events

September 17, 5-9 pm at Sid & Jane's. People should bring a salad or dessert. Jane will provide chili and table ware. Bring instruments. RSVP to Jane Tyler. Weather permitting, a bonfire will be provided. Bring lawn chairs.

October 22, Contemplative Dialog Day (see above). Times and locations TBD.

November 5, 9-4, (Registration at 8:30) Lectio Divina introductory workshop, St. Timothy's Church, West Des Moines. \$40 includes lunch and a book. RSVP to Tim.

December 3, 8:30 – noon, Advent Retreat at Plymouth. This is on the website.

January 14, 2012, 8:30 – noon, Enrichment Day. Location (tentatively) at Central Presbyterian. Snow date is February 4th.

January 15, 7 pm, Covenant Christian Church. Margaret will help with candle placement.

February 18, Welcoming Prayer at 1st Christian Church? This is on hold right now.

March 17, 8:30 – noon, United in Prayer Day at St. John’s Lutheran Church.

April 16-22, retreat at Christian Conference Center in Newton. The enrollment would probably be capped at 24 (plus three leaders). Darla, Donna and Margaret are interested in helping plan this retreat.

May ?? Day of Visioning and Discernment with Susan Komis?? This is still in question. Paul is checking on this. Paul will be scheduled to step down as Co-coordinator. This would be explored along with other chapter needs.

Chris reminded people to check the Midwest Calendar of events on the website on the [events](#) page.

The group discussed how to address prayer group members who speak quietly. It was suggested that people could respond by saying “it has been brought to my attention that some have difficulty hearing, so can everyone please speak up.” There was discussion about problems with people sharing in a book discussion, and someone suggested breaking into twos and threes to stimulate discussion in a smaller setting, and then coming back together as a group.

Upcoming Steering Committee meetings:

November 7, 2011 (potluck)

Submitted by Chris Frantsvog