

Sandusky Valley Regional Coordinating Team
Minutes from June 6, 2013 Meeting

Designation of Secretary – Sara Gier – Typing – Brenda Weslow

In attendance: Dan Busch , Sara Gier, Bob Haskins, David Jones, John Mummert, Steve Voelker, Brenda Weslow.

- Introductions were made.
- Role of the team: “The role of the Regional Coordinating Team is to coordinate programming within the Region and arrange for Regional gatherings. This work may also include encouraging clusters among churches.” We discussed the role of this team.
- Reports were given by the Association Committees:
 - Faith Formation – Continuing the seasonal programs on blog, creating Facebook, working with Excellence In Ministry Project (1 Clusters of people for support and accountability 2 Stronger ministry people leads to stronger churches
 - Stewardship & Caring – Parish nurse project (1. Forum @ NWOA Annual Gathering 2. Cathy Hunter (Sylvania UCC) sets up programs.
 - Witness & Proclamation – Mission questionnaire, Peace Pole (Sunday, Sept 29 is Peace Sunday), Green Project, El Salvador, Patton Award
 - Church & Ministry – Explained their role in the Association. 1. Fitness Reviews, 2. Discernment, 3. Credentialing for authorized ministry, 4. Churches have standing as do pastors.
- Questions:
 - What are the needs of the churches in our region
 - How do we promote fellowship and support between the churches
- Brain Storming things we could do:
 - Youth programs using Heidelberg – Anti-Bullying
 - Church staff and officer training
 - Parish nurse – how to set up
 - Hymn and choir event
 - United Church Home service project
 - Affirmation – sharing resources
 - Shared resourcing with in the Association
 - Developing stewardship programming and training – make budgeting exciting
 - Heifer Project

- It was decided to work on a Hymn/Choir Sing Event:
 - Dan Busch will lead this event
 - Date: Sunday, Jan 12, 2014 (with a snow date of Jan 19) at 3:00 PM
 - Dan will ask 2nd UCC in Tiffin if they will hold the event
 - Would like to show the history of the church and connect with Heidelberg
 - Create a flyer to send to the churches to 1- invite people to play 2 – invite congregations to come.
 - Invite John Kennedy Band, Becky Blocksom, pianists and Heidelberg groups to sing. Invite anyone that would like to perform to come.
- Also to explore:
 - Service Projects at Fairhaven – David Jones
 - Youth Events with Heidelberg – Brenda Weslow
- Meeting Schedule at Trinity United Church of Christ, McCutchenville at 7:00 pm
 - Aug 21 – Regular meeting
 - Nov 12 – Regular meeting
 - Jan 7, 2014 – to finish plans for Jan 12 event