

Area Bereavement Sub Committee Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2014

Members Present: Helaine Bolter, Colleen Lindstrom, Pat Berg, and Beth Wepplo
Absent: and Deb Gillis, David Rivers, and Bunny Iverson

Welcome, prayer
Recommitment to the Vision

- A. Review of Fall Bereavement Workshop
Evaluation forms: Several noted personal stories and compassion, as well as use of Scripture were well received.
Attendees liked the food and massages that we had provided.

Future Topics: Other losses what you are/only who you are.

Committee members recommend: a speaker who then moderates a panel talking on resources and personal experiences
Financial, you prepare before death, but now what do you do? What and how do you do everything after death?
Several mentioned they did not see this Workshop advertised in their church bulletin. Also need to place on our web site, in the Reminder, and use radio ads.
Question was also asked if this was the right weekend. Many community events were scheduled the same weekend.

A special thank you to David Rivers for all of his work, time, he gave for the success of this workshop.

- B. Review of Night of Remembrance.
Committee was impressed with number of people in attendance. And the fact that people stayed for the hospitality portion.
Feel we were better prepared with the recording of candles and names. Feel people felt welcomed.
The number of people helping that evening was needed! Think approximately 100 people attended.
Used insulated cups, recommend their use in the future also.
- C. Spotlight event moved to January 24/25 weekend.
- D. Gathering of Widow/widowers: Beth has attended a group in Minneapolis their they had meal, speaker, spiritual time.
In past years, attended Mass, had catered meal and answered questions on slips of paper.
Would like to provide a meal and survey the group as to what they would like.
One suggestion for topics was names or resources for simple repair jobs. Who's trustworthy?
Staff will make list of widow/widowers in AFC. We will then have an idea of the numbers of people we are talking about. Will bring this list to the January meeting.

Future agenda items:
Widow /Widowers

Next Meeting: January 13, 2015 at 1PM

Submitted,
Colleen Lindstrom