

Witness Commission: June 3, 2024
6:00 PM (via Zoom)

Present: Peggy Shaffer, Paula Knudsen-Burke, Sandy Flanagan, Karen Ungemach, Sandy Brubaker, Naomi Kraenbring.

1, Update on Haitian family- they will be coming to the area on June 12 and will be flying into Harrisburg that evening. Sandy and Paul will be picking them up from the airport and were hoping some others would come and welcome them. They are looking for support from other congregation members to offer support and become involved with this family. They will be away at the end of June and especially are requesting support for that time.

3. We shared information about the November 23 event, the Holiday Celebration. Karen will talk to Crystal about putting together a "Save the Date" slide/picture/announcement that can be handed out at the summer daycare program, or the VBS program, or made into a poster that can be hung in the library or coffee shops. Paula will try to find out who is a contact for the mom's group in Elizabethtown and get information to them as well. Peggy suggested getting together to look at the space in the fellowship hall and trying to start lining up where things will go. We also need to firm out who is in charge of different areas and work on getting better organized in that way.

3. We discussed Welcoming back the college students. They are coming back to school on August 23, and 24. We felt the two most important pieces were having our banners out on our lawn, and delivering cookies and water to the incoming students. We will plan to move forward on this plan.

4. Sandy F. reported on the actions of the Immigration Committee. They have been working with a single mom who is not documented and a landlord was trying to evict her. Nancy Sheaf and Pat Williams have been the primary force contacting the landlord and they brought in Paula to talk with him. Apparently Paula's contact was helpful and the landlord is now working a little harder at working with this woman.

5. We also discussed that this congregation is doing a lot for social justice issues in the community and many members are not even aware of what we are doing. We wanted to put more information in the bi-monthly newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Ungemach, Chair of Witness Commission