

Evangelism Committee Minutes
October 27, 2009

Members attending: Abby Walters, Earl Cutlip, Mary Combs, and Mari Rippey.

Meeting was opened with a prayer by Abby. Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed.

ESL: Lisa Currie plans to offer a Sunday School Class for ESL students during the regular Sunday School time. She thinks the parents of these students will become students for an ESL class that we will offer on Sunday evenings. Earl reported that Allen Dec gets \$25.00 per hour to teach, but is available only for a secondary role.

Oktoberfest: A “thank you” was expressed to Mary Combs for covering our table the entire afternoon. She reported a nice crowd attended, and those stopping by the table were invited to our community dinners and offered magnets, pens, candy, etc. Margo Hammock helped at the table for a brief time. The table was moved to the shady side during the afternoon. Mary suggested we provide bags for Oktoberfest -- printed with the church’s name and basic information, and perhaps colored by the children. Paper bags would be environmental preferred. Plastic bags would be more durable. Earl will get information on the cost of bags from the Dealer’s Association.

Chairperson: A chairperson for the Evangelism Committee is still needed.

Sunday School Brochures: Additional information is needed for the Sunday School brochures concerning Bible studies and other Christian Education opportunities.

“Miss you” cards: These cards are sent occasionally. Earl often makes contact with persons via telephone.

Advertising: Abby placed a large ad in the Strasburg High Athletic Program for \$350. We now have a contract for one year (\$500.) for a 2 x 2 ad for each season. We continue to advertise with the Parks and Recreation Program. We will place three ads in the Northern Virginia Daily during Advent.

Pen and magnets: A new supply of pen and magnets will be ordered.

SUMC Goals: Abby will get a copy of the SUMC goals and determine what role Evangelism has in carrying out these goals.

Budget: Our committee had \$773. remaining in our budget in September.

Children’s Christmas Program: This program is being planned for Dec. 4th. Our committee will send out letters to active church families and Cub Scouts families inviting them to the program. We will provide a gift to each child who attends – perhaps a nativity ornament. Our committee will support the children’s Christmas program any way we can.

Other discussion: Earl reported that the Cub Scout Program “took off with a bang” with eager volunteers. We discussed ways to keep SUMC children active in the Sunday School program.

Meeting closed with a prayer by Earl. Next meeting will be January 26, 2010 at 7:00 PM.