

## **Minutes, November 17 Small Group Ministry Team Meeting**

Attending:

Richard Zelly

Cindy Avens

Bill Groce

David Griffin

The principle topic of conversation was the Disciple Bible small group sessions. Cindy reported that the Stephen Ministers were very receptive to considering leading some of these groups. Cindy had a few names and additional ones have come in subsequent to the meeting but in time to include in these late minutes. Potential leaders who will be attending the orientation session Dec. 15 are, Marsha Kipling, Sharon Meek, Peggy Cleveland, Carl Henderson, Anne Williamson, Bobbi Cherry, Gloria Hitt, Bill Groce.

Cindy also said that Sharon Watkins and Roberta Bondi had agreed to lead the orientation session December 15 and the leader training session on February 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 5:00 PM.

The small groups will start during the first week of Lent. Each leader will participate in identifying the day and time for their groups to start. We talked about the need to schedule the groups on different days, including a Saturday, in order to maximize the options for our members. We also discussed a range of ways to publicize the start of the groups. Cherrylogue articles, bulletin inserts, pulpit or greeter worship announcements, letter from David to new members, table in the Fellowship Hall were among the techniques discussed. David will order leaders manuals and a samples of the student manual for each leader.

Cindy briefed the group on Nancy and Pattie's plans for Green Chalice and we affirmed the need for that group.

We discussed the need for small groups in the far reaches of Cherry Log's geographic serving area to provide care and support and a base to reach out to friends and neighbors in those areas. We agreed to focus on that need after getting the Disciple Bible groups launched.

Sorry these are going out so late, late me know of additions and corrections needed.

Bill Groce,

Secretary