

## **HELPS TEAM MEETING**

February 6, 2021

Present: Debbie Failing, Linda Reeve, Dave Smith, Chris Stackpole, Diane Fry

Opening Prayer: Linda

Welcome Dave: The team welcomed Dave as a new member and introduced themselves and explained their team service. Chris encouraged Dave to keep a head's up with upcoming events so there won't be a rush to recruit volunteers at the last minute. Dave comes very experienced. His past roles were serving as an elder and on the coffee fellowship team. Presently he's part of the security team/training team, the first team, and now deacons. Dave's role on the team will be Conversations.

Announcement: April 30<sup>th</sup> the team will give a presentation at the new members class. The plans for the presentation will be discussed at the April's meeting.

Volunteers: Our volunteers are very important to us. The end of the year, 'Thank You Bags' are great and people seemed appreciative but the team was encouraged to show their appreciation of service throughout the year through personal emails, text messages, cards and personal contacts. Debbie suggested to have a picnic. All agreed. Dave will check the church's calendar for a free day at the end of April. Each member was asked to bring a list of, 'things to do' for the picnic for the next meeting.

Discussion: The team was asked to pray and come prepared to discuss, 'How would you like to see God work through the Helps Team this coming year'. Linda has a passion that everyone who walks through the doors will know Jesus and His love. Chris expressed that the Body of Christ was more than coming to church every Sunday. That service is important is to be a part of the church. Chris mentioned there is a core of volunteers who are active in all aspect of service, we all agreed. Chris shared outside of this core is a group of people standing on the fringe. How can we reach these people and pull them in to the Body of Christ? How can we bind the church as a whole? Building relationship is the key but how is that really done? This issue is not just the Helps Team but all of the ministry teams and leadership. The team was asked to pray for God's leading.

Closing Prayer: Dave

Submitted by: Diane

