

Hello everyone!

Here's a summary of our meeting on June 2: We started @12:15pm and ended @ 1:45pm

Handouts: What Is A Women's Circle, and an informal Agenda made by Bobbi

The Women's Group Binder was shown to all to access previous notes and is available in the Women's Group Mailbox for reference.

- 1) We read aloud "What Is A Women's Circle" handout, and had opening prayer by Bobbi.
- 2) We reviewed the three goals of what was needed/wanted in our Women's Group:
*Ongoing support, *A Women's Retreat, *Specific Projects/Theme/Event
- 3) We moved our chairs into a circle, and then shifted to our heart space to ask the question "What have you learned about yourself (recently)?" Everyone shared their wisdom in words.
- 4) We moved back to a goal-oriented discussion and discernment of how and what we would volunteer for while discussing what may interest the group.

Here's what in the works:

*Wanda is organizing lunch outings. Chicago favorites including vegetarian and Persian cuisine. Dates and times TBA. Car-pooling can be arranged as needed. Sign up through Wanda directly when the details are announced.

*Wanda suggested a Kane County Cougars Game as a fun outing. Local way to see a ball game on a weekend or evening. Fireworks included! **Looking for someone interested to spearhead this outing! If that's you, speak up to Bobbi or Laura at church or via email.**

*Laura will lead an Art Project in mid-late August at the church. Probably gel-painting. (Rolling paint onto a stamp-like pad to produce a print that is usually abstract in nature). No experience needed. Likely a Friday or Saturday evening. Details TBD later this summer.

*Wanda suggested that maybe one meeting, those interested could explore writing one's Obituary. Included in that vision is planning one's wishes for services, down to choice of music, prayer, Eulogy, etc. Others expressed interested in this as well as planning end of life choices (in writing) in general. Doing this as a group could be supportive and comprehensive, or, in the least, a good start to something that may seem scary and or overwhelming. Specifics were not finalized, perhaps something to do this year though. Talk to Wanda if this resonates with you and we can pick a date perhaps at next month's meeting to begin the process. This might be an activity that works in stages, or multiple times, we'll see.

*Mickey stepped up to lead a ONE DAY Women's Retreat before the end of 2024. The group encouraged selection of that day to be before the holidays, perhaps September or October, on a **Saturday**. Location TBD, but either at Unity or possibly the Holmstad in Batavia. We kicked around some ideas; "Aging Well" as a possible running theme or focus. Mickey was encouraged to draft her ideas to present to the group next month. Meanwhile, **if YOU are interested in assisting or contributing to a part of the retreat (in any way), contact Mickey directly to share your ideas.**

*Bobbi mentioned that our church needs deep cleaning in specific areas, like the windows, sanctuary chairs, and other areas of our church home. Our group suggested we make a 'cleaning day' for all congregants to volunteer with the incentive of pizza as reward for all the cleaning. This falls under service work for those that are interested.

5) We ended in prayer and thanksgiving for the day.

Next meeting scheduled for **Sunday July 14th at Noon.**

June Meeting Minutes completed by Laura Schreiner