

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
19 September 1986  
Lehmann & Schrag residence

Present: Rachel R., Leslie, Beth, Teresa, Dennis L., Merle, Eloise, Tony, Karen, Eileen, Walt.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.
2. The proposal for decision-making in RAMF which was adopted at the last meeting was read aloud.
3. The makeup of the small groups to date was announced:
  - A. Greenes, Nickesons, Knapps, Shelleys;
  - B. Hanss & Metzger, Johnsons, Rensbergers, Schrocks;
  - C. Eigstis, Masts, Wostls, Schlabachs;
  - D. Dennis L., Joel, Frank
4. RAMF will try to get together for another workday for Habitat for Humanity. Don will again coordinate.
5. A new contact person for the Harley School will be chosen from the leadership team. The LT will look into using the rooms formerly used by Trinity Covenant.  
**NOTE:** The **official restrooms** to use are the ones on the main floor by the art gallery.
6. The New York State Fellowship newsletter is looking for a volunteer from RAMF to be a contact person. The leadership team will ask someone if no volunteers are forthcoming.
7. Ideas for the monthly offerings were solicited. Dennis L. suggested the St. Joseph's House of Hospitality in Rochester; the House will receive October's offering. More advance notice was requested for the montly offerings.
8. Rachel H. has copies of *Living More With Less* for those who need them. The study guides should be passed on to future leaders of the sessions.
9. The worship committee (Rachel R., Leslie, and Karen) were asked to present a self-evaluation and recommendation, and the congregation was asked for feedback.
  - A. All the committee members enjoyed working on the committee.
  - B. They all felt the goal of having more stability or structure in RAMF's worship time, while still allowing flexibility, had been achieved
  - C. The congregation has cooperated, although participation in the faith sharing during the worship time has not been as successful as had been hoped.
  - D. There has not been a lot of feedback.
  - E. Comments from the group present included:
    - More education about the lectionary would be good
    - More explanation about the experience at the Goshen workshop would be appreciated
    - The committee brought a sense of vitality and purpose to RAMF's worshipping
    - The regularity, such as having a prayer each Sunday, is good
    - Having a worship committee has seemed to free the leadership team to spend more time and energy on planning the education hour

- Communication between the committee and the leadership team has been a problem, but to which several solutions were proposed which could be easily adopted
- F. A proposal was made and adopted to have the present worship committee continue its work through April. In March or April the committee and its work would be evaluated. In April, one member would drop out, someone else (perhaps from the leadership team) would join, and length of term and rotation would be worked out.
10. Peter and Leah have volunteered to plan a snow day, probably in Webster, preferably in mid-January.
  11. A variety of winter adult socials were proposed. Opportunity will be given for RAMFers to indicate their preference from the list of activities. Now if we can only get people to take charge and coordinate some of these activities . . . .
  12. Retreat news
    - A. The weekend will begin at 10:00 with a group activity.
    - B. There will be few structured activities; films from MCC will be shown.
    - C. Ike will be in charge of the variety show.
    - D. Robert Mast will coordinate recreational activities.
    - E. Sunday morning will begin with an intergenerational service, then we'll split into groups as usual, with the adults finishing work on *Living More With Less*.
    - F. All adults should be sensitive to the needs for child care, especially during the times set aside for adult activities.
    - G. We are not to go into buildings other than the two we have reserved, and we are not to use boats unless we bring them with us. If we abuse our privileges we may lose them.
  13. Ideas were solicited, and some received, for the adult education hour.
  14. To minimize confusion on Sunday mornings, the worship leader should set up materials and make all preparations before 10:00. The youth will rejoin the adults promptly at 11:00 and the worship service will begin immediately. This plan will be effective only if everything is ready beforehand and the leader of the adult education session is firm and direct about ending at 11:00.
  15. Leslie announced the Knapps will be giving up the church telephone after the current contract expires.
  16. Evaluation: Went OK; Beth did a good job; a lot of discussion, a lot of people spoke; lack of time limits worked with this agenda; a good pace was maintained.