**SESSION SUMMARY**

**Session Title: Library as a blessing to the community Station: Library**

**Convenor: Gerald Mast**

**Session 1 Participants: Gerald Mast, Phyllis Bixler, Lois Wetherill, Wanda Stopher**

**Session 2 Participants: Carrie Mast, Lois Wetherill, Terry Chappell, Bobbie Chappell, Joanne Niswander, Wanda Stopher**

# Summary of discussion

**What will we do now? What needs to happen next?**

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**Name of Ministry: Library Integration Project Date: 04-07-19**

**Vision for this ministry:**

Renewing and updating our church library as a ministry of learning, discovery, formation, and hospitality for all generations, curiosities and ministries.

**Description of ministry:**

We envision integrating this work with the other ministries of FMC as a way of supporting and empowering these ministries.

**Description of connection to vision and priorities:**

* This project will be a resource for all 5 Priorities.

**Names of Leaders:**

Collaborators: Alison King, Amy Blount, Gerald Mast, Lois Wetherill, Phillis Bixler, Wanda Stopher, Shelby Cluts, Carrie Mast

**Leaders’ Responsibilities: not provided**

**Names of Workers:**

Phyllis Bixler-Write book reviews; Book talks

**Workers’ Responsibilities: not provided**

**Other Resources Needed:**

* Budget

**Evaluation Plan: not provided**

**Name of Recorder:­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­ Wanda Stopher**

**Library Integration Project Notes from 4/7 session:**

* Start with racism. Update all aspects of the library with a variety of perspectives on this topic. (Novels, poetry, children’s books, theory…)
* Invite people to share the titles and a brief description of books in a topic that they have read and appreciate. “First Mennonite Reads”
* Maintain Mennonite holdings
* Renew the library with committee (Alison King and Amy Blount)
* What are our goals for the next 5-10 years
* Bring library into the 21st century
* Sort and let go of books that don’t fit the plan above
* Purchase and display, even celebrate the new books authored in our congregation
* Raise awareness of potential for a great memorial gift option
* Promoting the library as a quiet place for study and reflection
* Accelerated Reader (AR) Reading program in conjunction with Bluffton Elementary. Students are required to read and get points. We could include books and note that they are AR and how many points they are worth.
* Delegate some library work to Children and Youth Ministry Director
* Develop sorting criteria
* What is the focus of the collection
* Include children and youth as a focus of periodicals
* Topics: Life transitions, Racism, Immigration and sanctuary
* Comfy furniture
* Ask Louise Matthews to be advisor for children’s collection
* Update Veggie Tales collection