



Membership Committee Report February 10, 2025

Open House on January 17, 2025, was sparsely attended with only ten prospective members. Members accounted for most of the attendees. Because of some computer problems, we had only two new members sign up. As of 1/22, we had seven new members for a total of 201, although more people have joined since Open House.

New Member Coffee was attended by five new members. The other name tags were mailed out; however, the name tags are only printed on one side, so they need to be replaced to two sides.

We've discussed a few times about having one Open House per year and it seems like this may be the appropriate time to revisit this discussion. I emailed Peggy about the lack of attendees and new members at Open House this January. Based on planning, expense and volunteers, it doesn't seem to be worthwhile.

Peggy replied: "Most of our new members either sign up online or go by the office. I don't know why that couldn't be our standard method of enrolling new members in the Spring. Debby does a good job of selling New Frontiers. She could enroll them right there and send them over to the "Enrollment Office". I understand that the Cashier is being replaced by a credit/debit card machine, but presumably it issues a receipt, which they could take back to Debby to verify payment. Debby could hand them instructions to create their New Frontiers account, and Kathee would follow up from there."

I've been totally against only one Open House per year, but for now I think it's appropriate. We suggest the Council discuss our proposal.

Submitted by Mary Boehlen, Membership Chair