

Outreach Ministry Team
10-17-2017 Meeting Minutes

Present: Pastor Will Rose, Linda Varblow, Linda Laubscher, Neal Mochel,

- 1) Devotions: Pastor Will for Linda Kinsinger
- 2) September Minutes: Approved. Can be amended if members not here today have edits they want to make.
- 3) Council Report: Pastor Will reported that the main thing Council is working on this month is the proposed budget. Pastor reported that he didn't see any problem with our proposal at this point. Council will vote soon.
- 4) Old Business / Program Updates
 - a. El Centro Drive: Linda V sent \$250 check to them, but has not yet delivered the donated items. She will do this sometime before the next meeting.
 - b. God's Work, Our Hands: Good turnout for both Umstead Park clean up and Transplanting Traditions Community Farm project. Neal noted that he volunteered for Habitat that day, so we should include that as one of the projects. Linda V sent a note and check for \$250 to Transplanting Traditions through the OC Project for Young Children.
- 5) New Business
 - a. Refugee Update and Discussion: Linda V has been in contact with Lutheran Services Carolinas and there was some confusion on their part about who we are, as there are other Holy Trinity Lutheran churches. Linda will contact again to see if a representative can come to the December meeting.
 - b. Project Connect: Food has been purchased and is in the kitchen refrigerator. Sharon Barrett has been contacted and told we have allocated \$100 for the food, but it isn't clear if she has completed a reimbursement form yet.
 - c. Fruit for TABLE: There were many emails flying around in the past couple of weeks about the fruit that has been donated, where it should be stored, and who is responsible for delivering it to TABLE. Linda L has volunteered to deliver it to TABLE for November and December and we will revisit at the December Outreach meeting to come up with a plan for next year.
 - d. Tithe for Renew 300: Pastor Will planted the seed that for our local part of the tithe, it would be nice to support the IFC FoodFirst campaign, since they will undoubtedly be asking the congregation to donate to this project. Pastor said that at this point, we do not know how much money the tithe will end up being, but we have talked about donating locally and elsewhere (nationally or internationally). Neal reminded us that many of our members travel from outside of Chapel Hill-Carrboro and there may be other local organizations (he suggested Orange Congregations in Mission) that we might want to consider. This discussion was just a starting point, and we can discuss further at future meetings. Pastor and

Linda K have said that the Council does want our input, so at some point we will have to decide what our recommendation will be.

- e. October disbursements: Linda V has already spoken to Tom about the Habitat payment for October (because we had discussed at a previous meeting that we would start payments in October). In addition, we approved our regular IFC disbursement. We also approved \$1,250 to Lutheran Disaster Relief for Hurricane Maria relief for Puerto Rico. Linda V will contact Tom to see if we have enough funds to take this money from our budget; if not, we will use reserve money.
 - f. Habitat: Neal reported that Karl Shimota is no longer interested in heading the Habitat volunteer/build organization. We talked about asking someone else to co-chair with him for next year. We will continue to discuss next month to see if anyone has ideas. In the meantime, Linda V will contact Karl to see if he is indeed looking to step down. Marge Freiman contacted Linda V after the October 17 meeting to discuss the lunches. Right now it is well organized and Marge doesn't need further help, but she feels that there should be more communication between Habitat volunteers and Outreach Committee.
 - g. Giving Tree: Linda L asked for volunteers to take this over for this Christmas and got several volunteers. Right now Linda V has all of the materials and information and will be in touch with everyone else who volunteered once we hear from OC Social Services.
- 6) Next meeting: November 14, with Linda L handling devotions. Linda V. will be out of town so Pastor Will will take over the meeting. Linda will send out agenda and minutes prior to the meeting. Pastor suggested that the meeting be at a local restaurant since it will be RSVVP day. If anyone has suggestions of a place to meet, please let Linda V know soon.