

Outreach Ministry Team
12-12-2017 - Meeting Minutes

Present: Linda Varblow, Linda Laubscher, Linda Kinsinger, Neal Mochel, Allison Jones, Sarah Zink

- 1) Devotion by Linda Kinsinger: from *Accidental Saints* by Nadia Bolz-Weber
- 2) November Minutes: Approved as written.
- 3) Council Report: Council is not meeting in December. We are still awaiting bids for the Renew300 renovation, so the congregational meeting planned for early January may be pushed back. Earliest construction start date now looks like February or March. We can thus postpone discussion of the tithe allocation.
- 4) Old Business
 - a. Giving Tree: All tags and gifts have been returned. Sally and Linda V will be delivering items tomorrow, with assistance from other team members for bikes.
 - b. Gift Cards: Twelve Food Lion gifts cards are outstanding. Holly will put something in the email blast inviting anyone in congregation to still bring a gift card, even if they did not sign up. Seventy tags were put on tree; Linda V hopes to get 60 gift cards back. These will go to the local elementary schools: Carrboro, Northside, FPG. We still have almost \$300 in Wal-Mart gift cards available as well. Linda V will give one to each Angel Tree family.
 - c. TABLE: Linda L has been delivering. Char Clendaniel is willing to resume that job starting in January. There is some confusion about oranges that are kept in the fridge by the church for diabetics.
 - d. El Centro: There may be a request in the new year for funds to support equipment purchases. A couple of other churches are leading efforts, so we will coordinate through them if we decide to participate.
- 5) New Business
 - a. Refugee Resettlement: LSC is sending a rep to our January meeting to talk about partnerships.
 - b. LCM: We would like to coordinate regular projects with LCM. PORCH is a possibility; Linda L will put Allison in touch with a coordinator. Allison says a particular student is interested in serving as a regular Outreach committee member.
 - c. Renew 300 Tithe: Discussion postponed until construction bids come in.
 - d. MLK Day: We will offer no-sew blanket project at the church (20 blankets). Linda V and Linda L

will shop for fabric. We may also commit to a United Way of the Greater Triangle project for painting/landscaping. Sarah will call to make inquiries about signing up as a team.

e. New Projects for 2018: Kristin will at some point give more information on Pharaoh's Daughter.

f. Neal's IFC Update: Right now IFC is in the quiet phase of raising money for FoodFirst. A more public campaign will begin in the new year. Another thing IFC is interested in supporting is affordable housing.

g. Budget Allocations: We have about \$1,000 left to spend for 2017. After no-sew blanket purchases, we will allocate the remainder to Puerto Rico disaster relief.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. Next meeting is January 9, 2018. Sarah will do devotions.