

Outreach Ministry Team  
9-12-17 Meeting Minutes

Present: Pastor Will Rose, Linda Varblow, Sally Bober, Linda Kinsinger, Kristin Somers, Neal Mochel,

- 1) Devotions: Pastor Will for Sarah Zink
- 2) August Minutes: Approved with correction of question about disbursement. Correct disbursement was \$1,000 for IFC and \$500 for TABLE.
- 3) Council Report: Linda Kinsinger reported on both August and September Council meetings. At the August meeting, there was a discussion about the family from Guatemala. It was decided that \$500 from the Outreach budget and \$500 from the St. Luke fund. Both disbursements were to be transferred to the Pastoral Emergency Assistance fund. Pastor stated that it was later decided that the money would come from Outreach and the Pastoral Emergency Assistance Fund. The St. Luke fund is specifically to pay for medical expenses, so the money that would have come from the St. Luke fund will come from existing funds in the Pastoral Emergency Assistance Fund. The second thing discussed at this meeting was the proposal to have the church become a fiduciary agent and this was voted down. It was determined that for IRS purposes, parties cannot make a donation that is designated to benefit one person. When this happens, it is a “gift” and cannot be deductible for IRS purposes. At the September Council meeting, there was a discussion that planning has begun for moving items out of the ministry building while construction is going on. The hope is that we will begin construction at the beginning of the year. Also, in an effort to get the word out about the different ministries and committees, there will be a “Ministry Team Extravaganza” on November 19<sup>th</sup>, which has been designated as Stewardship Sunday. During the discussion, Outreach Ministry got a shout out for our new and improved web page.
- 4) Old Business / Program Updates
  - a. Food for the Summer: Program was successful by all accounts.
  - b. El Centro Drive: A collection box was placed in the narthex in late July for sunscreen, bug spray, gloves, and other supplies for construction day workers. We did not receive many donations. The Community Church is having a brunch on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> and their hope is to raise \$500. We might consider supplementing our donations with a monetary donation.
  - c. God’s Work, Our Hands – Sign ups started last Sunday and will continue next Sunday. There will be a notice in the Rosemary Thymes and the email blast this week. God’s work, Our Hands t-shirts will be on sale on Sunday to wear to the event. We will host a cleanup day at Umstead Park and work in the Transplanting Traditions Garden on September 23. Linda V will try to find out about adding signups for Habitat build to our signup table.

5) New Business

- a. Refugee Project Update: Linda v. will contact the representative from Lutheran Services in the Carolinas refugee services to see if there are refugee families to support and to invite her to the next meeting.
- b. Guatemalan Family: The check has been cut in the past day or so and was sent directly to the landlord for the family. Kristin stated that we are waiting to hear about future needs. The family is in the process of moving so that the child can receive dialysis in the home. UNC will pay rent for two months. The mother of the family is looking for work. Kristin said that she will be in contact with the family and will keep us informed.
- c. August Budget Allocations
  - \$1,000 to IFC
  - \$2,500 to Lutheran Disaster Relief for hurricane relief
  - \$250 to El Centro
  - \$250 to Transplanting Traditions Garden
  - \$500 to the landlord of the Guatemalan family (already disbursed this month)
- d. Looking forward to fall – Linda V asked if anyone had an idea about how to differently present the ELCA Good Gifts ornaments so that they would be more prominent during the holidays. Pastor Will suggested decorating a wreath that could be introduced during the Ministry event on Stewardship Sunday.
- e. 2018 Budget discussion – we unanimously decided to request \$32,500 for next year, including \$12,000 for IFC, \$9000 for Habitat, \$500 for Quilters and \$11,000 discretionary for Outreach Ministry committee.

6) Next meeting: October 10. Linda K volunteered to do devotions.