

Missions Team Minutes
United Methodist Church of Evergreen
April 3, 2018

In Attendance: Janice Vickery, John Olson, Roger Ambrosier, Pastor Russell Fletcher, Michael Eaton, Janice Vickery, JoAnn Vogt, Jan Thurling, JoAnn Dunn, Bill Graf, Nancy DeGuire. Tracy Atlas served as our Fearless Leader.

The opening prayer was led by Pastor Russell.

The minutes of the March 6th meeting were approved.

Chairmen for Upcoming Meetings –

Tuesday, May 1st – Michael Eaton

We break for the summer.

Tuesday, September 4th – Bill Graf

Tuesday, October 2nd - ?

Tuesday, November 6th - ?

Tuesday, December 5th –

Many thanks to Michael and Bill for volunteering for the next two meetings.

Tennyson Center Clothing Drive – Scheduled for Sunday, April 22 and Sunday April 29th.

The Tennyson Center is a residential center for severely abused and neglected children who can not assimilate into foster care. A boutique is provided for them to make their own clothing choices. Clothes are donated to the boutique.

Bill is contacting Katie Zapotoczny to see if she is once again willing to shop for the clothing. The clothing will be put out on tables in Fellowship Hall for parishioners to reimburse the purchase price of the clothing. Once it is all “bought”, it can be delivered down to the Tennyson Center.

We will need to set up a schedule for people to man the tables once we are clear as to when the clothing will be bought. A list of suggested clothing is online but they will take whatever is donated. Marilyn Gildersleeve may be available to do the pricing.

Family Promise - * some of this section comes from an email received post-meeting. JoAnn Dunn Reporting.

Our next weekend is:

Friday, April 27th – dinner – **no one has signed up. Contact JoAnn Dunn if you would like to volunteer.**

Overnight – Carolyn Hohne. **This is her first time doing this and she would like an experienced helper. JoAnn remembers Bill volunteering.**

Saturday, April 28th – dinner – Janice Vickery
Overnight – the Schells

The next weekend is Friday, July 6th and Saturday July 7th. *This is different than what was reported at the meeting (July 7 and 8 were reported) but these are the days that are a Friday and Saturday. Please send a correction if this is not correct.

The Family Promise talent show was a success. Ruthanne and Steve sang beautifully and several UMCE members were in attendance.

Missions Budget Calendar, communion offerings, etc. – Michael Eaton reporting.

Things are going as programmed. There is a large surplus of \$500/600 in the blessing bags account. Bill reported that the people who assemble the blessing bags have not submitted receipts and will do so in the future.

This morphed into the blessing bags being assembled by the children attending the “I love God’s Green Earth” program, run by Sarah with Jan Thurling assisting. Jan’s class is gathering supplies purchased with money the children made by doing chores at home. Jan would like to include a gentle love message from the church, with contact information, to be included with the bags. The insert was approved and after much discussion about printing it on paper and then laminating or not laminating (not biodegradable), it was decided that it be printed on card stock which is sturdier than paper but biodegrades. It was then discussed whether we could get small books of either the Gospel of John (ABS) or the New Testament (Gideons), free of charge, to include in the blessing bags. **Russell will follow up on this.** Bill thought pictures drawn by the children would be a nice idea to include. Jan only has 20 minutes with the children and she will see what she can do.

Colorado Coalition for the Homeless – Jan Thurling reporting.

Repairs continue on the facility in Denver. It is hoped that the Grand Opening will be June 1st. The application by the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless to begin a large facility at the Federal Center in Lakewood was denied in Federal Court due to funding problems. The property is scheduled to be auctioned. There may be appeals.

Two articles have been forwarded to team members.

EChO – John Olson reporting.

The strategic work session at Christ the King was well attended. EChO is consolidating the input into it's long range planning.

The Spring Fling is Saturday, April 7th at Wild Game. The dress is business casual.

MRC (Mountain Resource Center) – Tracy Atlas reporting.

Tracy will post the latest calendar in the hallway. Events of interest are:

A hiring workshop being held at MRC in Conifer on April 24th from 3-6pm. There will be a free resume workshop on April 16th for clients to prepare.

A FEMA workshop will be held April 25th from 5 -8pm.

The Veteran's Rendezvous, which provides health services, among other things, to area veterans will be held May 19th.

Community Meal – Bill Graf reporting.

The Community Meal has been but on the back burner due to Clyde's recent health issue. Without a cook, it would be difficult to go forward. It was suggested that we could provide pizza or subs instead of a homecooked meal and perhaps not every month. It has been tabled for now and will be revisited in future months.

ESP (Emergency Shelter Program) – JoAnn Vogt reporting.

This is winding down as our weather improves, so much so that JoAnn was providing food one night last week and no one was there. JoAnn expects the program to start up again in the fall and would like to find ways to get our congregation more involved.

Sunday Morning Van – John Olson reporting (but Glenn is in charge!)

People needing rides should call Glenn or the church to request this by the Friday or Saturday before. There has been concern about getting in and out of the van. Perhaps

a rail needs installed. Trustees will deal with this. Pem just used his own car to pick someone up from the “apartments” this past Sunday rather than use the van. This is an option also.

Missions Activity Sheet Update needed – Nancy DeGuire reporting.

It was noted that the Missions Activity sheet available in Fellowship Hall is woefully out of date, listing activities and organization we are no longer involved with and in some cases don't exist anymore. Nancy will work on updating this and presenting a rough draft at the May meeting. If you have suggestions on activities that Missions is currently involved with and wording, please email Nancy at dequire1079@gmail.com. Otherwise, minutes from the past year will be used as reference. The team needs to decide if we want to put out a Missions Opportunities Catalog again, with updated information and in that case, the related files probably need updated as well.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 1st, 6pm. Michael Eaton, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy N. DeGuire