

Missions Team Minutes
United Methodist Church of Evergreen
February 6, 2018

In Attendance: Carolyn Hohne, Nancy and Mac DeGuire, Pem and Jo Ann Dunn, Jo Ann Vogt, Pastor Russell Fletcher, John Olson, Bill Graf, Joyce Snapp, Michael Eaton, Janice Vickery and Linda Schroder

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Russell.

We welcome Bruce and Carol Hohne as new members of the Missions Team.

Family Promise – Jo Ann Dunn reporting.

Our next weekend is February 16th and 17th.

Feb 16th (Friday) meal – Jo Ann Vogt

Overnight – we have no volunteer. Jo Ann will ask Joe of Family Promise to fill in here.

Feb 17th (Saturday) meal – The Womacks

Overnight – Bill Graf

Family Promise has a fundraising event called “Finding Home” scheduled for Sunday, March 11th at 4:00pm. It is a talent show. Jo Ann is considering asking Ruthanne and Steve to enter the show and sing a duet. If they agree, perhaps we could get a group to go down.

EChO – John Olson reporting.

EChO has a program called “Stone Soup”. This program provides lunch for clients who come into EChO to shop, Monday through Thursday. Numbers of clients served is between 60 per day on Monday to 20-30 on Tuesday-Thursday. Currently soup and rolls or small sandwiches are served September through May and are provided by 5 area churches. EChO is now looking for churches to provide sandwiches and/or salads June, July and August. However, it was a little unclear if a church would have to sign up for one week for all three months or just pick a week. John will be finding out more information. It will be revisited in March.

Contributions to EChO are down and client needs are up. They are short of food in the pantry. They have a program call “adopt a shelf” where a church, family or individual can adopt a shelf of food which would feed a family for one week. It is thought that the cost is \$78 a week. People can adopt a full shelf, half a shelf or ¼ of a shelf. It was

mentioned that knowing what the \$78 would go towards buying, specifically, that would be helpful. Also, it was noted that UMCE, through the Missions budget, already contributes \$3,000 towards EChO at present. We also collect items in the "Giving Place Corner" which go to either MRC or EChO. If individuals want to sponsor a shelf, John would be willing to be in Fellowship Hall and help them sign up. He will follow up with more details.

May people seem to not be sure of what the "Giving Place Corner" is all about and why we pass out the little slips of paper once and month and just where do they bring this food. Jo Ann Dunn will write a "Did You know" paragraph to be put in the Happenings and the bulletin explaining the program.

Mexican Luncheon – Nancy and Mac DeGuire reporting

Our Annual fundraising Mexican Luncheon is scheduled for Sunday March 4th. It was voted that funds will go towards offsetting the Youth Group Missions program slated for this summer. Because this is a local Missions effort, if all the funds are not needed, they can be rolled over to the Youth Missions trip of 2019.

Bill Graf has once again agreed to do the shopping for the event. Nancy and Mac will donate the cost of the groceries. Mac will do the cooking and preparation for the tacos and will also make homemade sopapillas. In addition, we need a variety of home made casseroles to be brought to the church for the lunch. The following people sign up to do this.

Marilyn Gildersleeve – 1 casserole

Jo Ann Dunn – 1 or 2 casseroles, gluten free, depending on how many we have sign up

Joyce Snapp – 1 casserole

Jo Ann Vogt – 1 pulled pork

Janice Vickery – 2 casseroles

Nancy And Mac DeGuire – 1 casserole and home made sopapillas for dessert

For those not at the meeting, you may email Nancy with your casserole offering.

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MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT THE WORK!!

We will need help with table set up, and more importantly, clean up. If everyone who is available pitches in, we are usually out of there by 1:15.

Bill Graf will wear the sombrero and make the announcement about the luncheon during the 10:30 service. He hopes Quin and Libby York will join him once again this year, as well as any other children who would like to join in.

A follow-up email reminder about this event will go out the week before.

March refreshments in Fellowship Hall –

Missions is responsible for the March Refreshments in Fellowship Hall between and after services.

March 4th – 8:30 – Bill Graf

10:40 – We want them hungry for the Mexican Luncheon so N/A

March 11th – 8:30 – Marilyn Gildersleeve

10:30 – Jan Thurling

March 18th – 8:30 – Jo Ann Vogt

10:30 – Linda Schoeder

March 25th – 8:30 - Jo Ann and Pem Dunn

10:30 – Janice Vickery

Budget – Michael Eaton reporting.

Someone wrote a check in 2017 and put “Missions, general” in the memo line. The assumption is that the money, \$50.00, go towards Missions. It was agreed to donate this \$50 to UMCOR, which is the recipient of the next Communion offering.

The budget is on course for the year.

Communion Offering – Communion Offerings are on course. There once again seems to be confusion as to what exactly the Communion offering is. Pastor Russell suggested that a Missions Team member make a brief explanation as to how the offering is made. There is a small table with an offering plate that a person can put money in, if they wish, as they approach the alter for communion. The money in that plate goes to a different organization each month, which is predetermined and on the church calendar. Should there be a natural disaster, the list can be changed. The offering in the passed offering plate goes to the general budget, as any other week. Jo Ann Dunn volunteered to make a brief statement at our next communion on March 4th.

Update on Evergreen Emergency Shelter

Jo Ann Dunn reported that there are a lot of clients partaking of this service due to her observation at Beth Evergreen, when she has been there doing chorale practices.

Additional Business – Bill Graf reported that the Membership Team wants to know if there is interest in reviving the Community Meal. The Community Meal was a once-a-month meal provided by the church where anyone in the community could attend. A van was sent to Rocky Mountain Village and Greenwood Village to pick up interested people. There was a donation basket set out but no official charge for the meal. Membership is interested in reviving this monthly meal. Clyde offered to do the cooking. Missions does have a fund that has been sitting for a few years that contains money donated specifically for the Community Meal. It was agreed that if Membership wanted to revive the meal, those funds would be available to them. Michael, could you find out how much is in that fund for our next meeting?

Van Shuttle for Sunday Mornings – Pastor Russell reported that the UMCE men's group has volunteered to start a shuttle service to Rocky Mountain Village on Sunday mornings.

Our next meeting is March 6th with Jo Ann Vogt as Fearless Leader.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy DeGuire