

MISSION TEAM MINUTES

February 5, 2019

ATTENDEES: Jo Ann Dunn (Chairperson), Pem Dunn, Pastor Deb, Bill Graf, Michael Eaton, Linda Schroeder, JoAnn Vogt, Roger Ambrosier, and Janice Vickery.

The opening prayer was given by Pastor Deb; the minutes from the December meeting were approved as submitted.

ALL CHURCH MEETING: The All Church Meeting was held on January 22nd; Bill reviewed the Missions Team input and highlighted the \$9,000 in budgeted funds donated in support of local national, and international projects, and organizations. The excerpted page of this report is attached. (attachment 1)

JANUARY CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: For the January 13 meeting, Michael noted that a major part of the report were activities of the Missions Team. The excerpted page of the meeting minutes is attached. (attachment 2)

BUDGET: Michael commented on the end-of-year finances needing to be adjusted for all things in the Missions category. This includes bookkeeping.

MISSIONS MOMENT: Jo Ann Vogt suggested that we again try to offer some highlights of the Missions Team about once a month or so in each service. This would help keep things fresh in the minds of the congregation. Jo Ann Vogt will do this on Sunday.

EChO UPDATE FROM JOHN OLSON:

Fundraising. Colorado Gives day did not yield the donations that were received last year, but they were typical of prior years. The next fundraising event, the "Spring Fling," will be held Friday, April 26, at Christ the King Catholic Church. The theme will be "An Evening in the Vineyard." The event committee is chaired by Jan Stadler, and her husband Craig has agreed to act as auctioneer for the live auction. In keeping with the theme, we will feature wines from California and Colorado. It is to be a formal affair, with optional black tie. It should be a very special evening.

New Board Member. The Board unanimously elected Bill Weisenborn as our newest member to the Board of Directors. Bill is a retired petroleum engineer and is an active member of Lutheran Church of the Cross. He is a great addition to the Board.

New Development Director. Robin Black has resigned as Development Director, and Nancy Judge, formerly manager of the Food Bank, has agreed to move into that role. I was saddened to see Robin leave, but think we are very blessed to have Nancy to fill that position.

Food Bank. The Food Bank continues to serve a significant number of people, and the generosity of both businesses and individuals in support of the Food Bank is truly remarkable. Below is a summary of the Food Bank totals for 2018, with comparisons to 2016 and 2017.

Food Bank Data for 2018:

Shoppers: 2018 2017 2016 Jan 729 660 462 Feb 554 545 497 Mar 656 603 539 Apr 658 604 427 May 641 684 503 June 537 631 507 July 649 658 424

Aug 607 720 575 Sept 539 633 535 Oct 668 725 563 Nov 649 768 631 Dec
470 536 485 TOTAL 7357 7767 6148

Pounds of Food Donated 2018 2017 2016 Jan 22,077 18,502 19,221 Feb 22,017
14,164 21,589 March 22,739 19,275 16,054 Apr 24,388 20,013 19,366 May
27,260 29,091 20,622 June 22,215 26,072 17,283 July 30,739 16,654 20,645 Aug
26,728 19,020 23,366 Sept 20,592 20,576 17,533 Oct 26,514 21,445 22,193 Nov
43,537 36,504 29,897 Dec 25,853 26,524 16,827 TOTAL 314,650 267,840 244,596

Households Served Holiday Meals Jan 729 Feb 554 Mar 656 157 Apr 658 May 641
June 537 July 649 Aug 607 Sept 539 Oct 668 Nov 649 218 Dec 470 198

Emergency Shelter Program (ESP). We continue to have steady and consistent use of the shelters. In the month of December, we were open for 28 nights and closed only 3. The 3 nights we were closed were due to warmer temperatures. We had 126 shelter stays between 10 people. Our guests include 6 men, 3 women, 1 child, and 1 dog.

NOTE: UMCE was an emergency fill in Dec 17 through Dec 19 when the five regularly-participating churches were unable to accommodate guests. UMCE was open to guests on the 19th and things went very well. Representatives from the other churches took care of everything; UMCE was an observer to see how things were done. This program will run through the end of April.

FAMILY PROMISE: Our next opportunity for Family Promise meals and overnights will be April 26 and 27. Bill was the overnight host for January 26, with a few issues. An autistic child had a major melt down and there was a fight between two women. The police were notified; Bill said he was very impressed in how the police handled everything.

MEXICAN LUNCH: Our luncheon is coming up on March 3rd at 11:30. Mac Deguire will cook, and Bill Graf will shop. Nancy will be sending Bill an updated shopping list. In Nancy's emailed report, she said two more casseroles would be needed and she would contact the Yorks. The Deguires will be in the kitchen at 9:00 a.m. and will need help setting up and getting the tables ready. The biggest need is the clean up after the luncheon. As in the past, the money we make will go to the Youth Group for their 2019 mission trip. The following dishes will make up the menu:

Deguire: 1 casserole, freshly made sopapillas (and will donate the cost of groceries)
Dunn: 2 corn casseroles
Gildersleeve: 2 casseroles
Schell: 1 casserole and homemade salsa
Vickery: 2 casseroles
Schroeder: 1 casserole (if in town)
Taco Bar

MRC: They have an opening for their Food Pantry Coordinator—a part time position. Bill will write up a summary for The Happenings.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS FAIR: About \$4,000 was realized for the various charities represented.

COFFEE HOSTS FOR FEBRUARY: Missions Team is covering the month of February. All services are covered except for the early service on the 24th.

February 3	Complete	
February 10	Marilyn	Janice
February 17	Michael	Bill
February 24	(OPEN)	Nancy

VIDA MINISTRIES ENGLISH CAMP IN GUATEMALA: The dates remain June 28 through July 7, 2019. Roger Ambrosier, and the Vogts will be attending with grandchildren.

Bill Graf gave the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned. Bill will be the chairperson for the March 5 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Vickery