

Missions Team Minutes
United Methodist Church of Evergreen
March 7th, 2018

In attendance: Jan Thurling, Pastor Russell Fletcher, Marilyn Gildersleeve, Mac and Nancy DeGuire, Pem and Jo Ann Dunn, Phil and Donna Schell, Bill Graf, John Olson and Jo Ann Vogt served as Fearless Leader.

Pastor Russell opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes of the February 6th meeting were approved.

Mexican Luncheon – The Mexican luncheon was a big success due to teamwork of the Missions Team. \$719 was collected in donations, all of which will go to the Youth Missions project. Approximately 85 people were served, 82 eating at the church and 3 “to go”. In addition to helping our youth, it was felt that it was a time of good fellowship amongst the congregation. Many thanks to Chef Mac and to ALL members of the team for providing casseroles, helping set up, clean up and for general good cheer. The shopping list was once again adjusted, based on this latest luncheon.

Chairpersons for upcoming meetings –

April 3rd – Tracy Atlas

May 1st – Michael Eaton

June, July and August – summer off

September 4th - ?

Hostessing duties for March –

Missions is responsible for Fellowship Hall treats for March. Here is a reminder about the sign up list.

March 11 – 8:30 – Marilyn Gildersleeve
10:30 – Jan Thurling

March 18 - 8:30 – Jo Ann Vogt
10:30 – Linda Schroeder

March 25 - 8:30 – Pem and Jo Ann Dunn
10:30 – Janice Vickery

Family Promise - Jo Ann Dunn reporting. There is a Talent Show fundraiser on Sunday, March 11th at 4:00pm. UMCE talent, Ruthanne and Steve will be singing as part of the entertainment. There is a \$15 suggested donation at the door. It will take place at the Arvada United Methodist Church located at 6750 Carr St., Arvada, CO. Jo Ann Dunn will make sure this makes it into Happenings and will contact Carol.

Our next Hosting weekend at the Jefferson United Methodist Church at, 44th and Kipling, is:

Friday, April 27 – Dinner - ?
Overnight - ?

Saturday, April 28 – Dinner - ?
Overnight - ?

Phil and Donna Schell have volunteered for one of these slots. Jo Ann has a couple of people she is going to contact and once she sees which slots still need filled, she will contact the Schells.

EChO – John Olson reporting.

Stone soup – Stone soup is a program at EChO which is providing lunch for their clients as they come into shop, Monday through Thursday. From September through May, they go through 5 gallons of soup a week and other local churches provide the soup. They would like to provide sandwiches or salads for the clients in June, July and August and would like churches to fill those weekly slots.

Adopt a shelf – the Adopt a Shelf program was created to help fill the grocery shelves at EChO. Needs have increased but donations have not. For \$75 a week, a sponsor of adopt a shelf could provide enough food to “fill a shelf” and feed a family. However, you don’t have to sign up for an entire shelf. A person could “adopt” 1/3 of a shelf, once a month and that would still help and be appreciated. John is willing to set up a table in Fellowship Hall between and after services to provide information and sign people up if they would like to participate.

Long range planning – There will be a long range planning meeting on March 15th at 6:00pm at Christ the King church, to look at long range planning for EChO. Where do they want to be 10 years down the road? Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Spring Fling – A Spring Fling fundraiser is set for April 7th at Wild Game. There will be dinner, a silent auction and festive entertainment, including a few people from our

church. Cost is \$65 for a single and \$120 for a couple. John will make sure this gets in Happenings.

Missions Budget, calender, communion offerings – no report

Colorado Coalition for the Homeless – Jan Thurling reporting. There was a water leak (flooding) problem with the building that requires the first 4 floors repaired before Residents can move. July is the most probable move in date. But it all depends on how fast repairs are done. The 100 future occupants are being housed elsewhere in the meantime. Jan will let us know when the volunteer day is scheduled. This will be to prepare welcome kits.

Blessing Bags – Jan Thurling reporting. Jan helps lead the “I love God’s Green Earth” classes for youth on Wednesday afternoons. Her class has been doing chores at home to earn money to help fill blessing bags. Jan was looking for suggestions as to whether to donate the cash (around \$20) or should the children shop for supplies. Bill Graf suggested the children shop for granola bars as these are popular items in the Blessing Bags. This way the children have a connection as to where their hard earned money is going to.

Mountain Resource Center - Tracy Atlas sent in a report.

- Senior Emergency Preparedness – April 25th, 5-8pm.*
- 285 Hiring event – April 24th at MRC. More details to come
- Mountain Derby Daze, a fundraiser at Wild Game – May 5th*
- Mountain area Veterans Rendezvous and 9 Health Fair – May 19th, 8am to noon, Aspen Ridge Church

Community Meal – Bill Graf reporting. It was brought up at our February meeting that the Membership Committee was interested in possibly starting up the Community Meal again. This was a meal provided once a month, on the same day every month, and offered to anyone in the community who wanted to attend. There was a donation jar but no expected fee for the meal. The van was sent to pick people up at areas where seniors, live such as Bergan Village. Last month the committee noted that there is a “fund” with some money in it, designated to the Community Meal and whoever might go ahead with starting the community meal should have access to that. Bill wanted to know if Missions was interested in participating with reviving the Community Meal. The following comments were made:

- The Community Meal was disbanded not only because the person organizing and cooking for it couldn’t do it anymore but because the community was not attending.

- There are Seniors with real nutritional needs in our community and this might help
- Who would take the lead in organizing the Community Meal?
- Where would the funding come from? Donations don't cover the costs.
- Clyde has volunteered to do the cooking each month.
- This could fill a need for socialization for Seniors.
- It was suggested a couple of Community Meals be scheduled and see how well they are attended and then make plans for a larger commitment.

Bill asked for a show of hands of who would be willing to help occasionally or regularly as their schedules allowed. Some hands were raised. Bill will report to the Membership Committee with the feedback.

Emergency Shelter Program – Jo Ann Vogt reporting – A decision has not yet been made as to whether this program will run until the end of April or end at the end of March, due to volunteer fatigue. There are plans to have the ESP next year. It may be organized a bit differently. Jo Ann Vogt will keep us informed.

Sunday Morning Van – Bill Graf reporting. This program is really being run by the men's group. 3 people were picked up at Bergen Village this past Sunday. Installing a bar that passengers can use to enter and exit the van was discussed.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 3rd at 6pm. Tracy Atlas will be our Fearless Leader.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy DeGuire