

OUTREACH BOARD MINUTES

APRIL 1, 2026 4:00 PM

Present: Liz Halbert, Deb Alt, Bill Faherty, Shirley DesNoyers, Margaret Melando, Maryann Darzano, Judie Ratcliffe. Guests – Steve Moore and Elizabeth Wassum.

Meeting opened with a prayer.

Guest Speaker, Elizabeth Wassum, from the Novant Health Foundation spoke on the upcoming Community Baby Shower taking place on May 2 from 9-11 am in the Brunswick Novant Hospital parking lot. 150-200 families are expected. She was asking for monetary and volunteer support for the event. No money is available at this time from St. Philips. Liz will submit an article in the e-news to solicit volunteers. They are to contact ewassum@novanthealth.org to volunteer. Information was also shared about advancements and new equipment coming to Novant Brunswick.

Minutes from February 25, 2026 were approved.

Financial Report – the only one received was a recap of 2025. There was enough confusion about the figures that the report was not approved by the board. Rick Pearce and Karla Platt were invited to attend to clarify the financials but did not reply to the invitation. We have still not received a reply from the Finance Committee about our request to withdraw funds from the CD prior to maturity.

Ministry Reports

SOIICF – Margaret reported that the Lenten services were well attended. The request for Human Needs funds has increased. The executive board has placed a cap on support - \$500 per family per 6 months and an overall cap of \$40,000 for 2026. The funds for the Food Pantry are good. They are going to paint the walls and floor of the facility. Hunger Walk is on Oct. 18 – Margaret is the chairman and the rep for St. Philips will be Kim Bernard. Aug. 8 is Day4Hope – planning on track. SOIICF is sponsoring a Ministers Gathering on May 14 for all clergy in the area – do not have to be members of SOIICF.

Diaper Ministry – Maryann reported that the Diaper Bank funding is down. There is a great need for the larger size overnight diapers for children. She plans to use some of the diaper ministry funds to purchase some for the Diaper Bank.

Brunswick Partnership for Housing – Margaret reported that the Rapid Rehousing project continues to be successful – since November, 53 people have been placed in 22 households. In February, emergency shelter funds provided hotel rooms for 38 people over 76 nights.

Lil' Bit of Help – Shirley reported they were going to have a board meeting soon. The renovation of the church restroom is back on target.

ECW – Judie reported that the Rummage Sale netted \$4889.25. They will sponsor a High Tea on May 16, Fall Festival on October 3 and the upcoming retreat on April 29-May 1.

Chapel Docent – no report.

Men on a Mission – Bill reported that they are planning a fundraiser “BBQ Chicken for a Cause” on May 30 from 11:00am - 7:00pm. \$20 plate for ¼ chicken, green beans, coleslaw and roll. They want the recipients of their profits to be eggs for the Food Pantry and the Angel Tree. There was discussion over how the money for Angel Tree would be spent – will MOAM use it to buy gifts? MOAM is now sponsoring the monthly parish breakfasts. A trip to Sea Biscuit Bird Rescue is planned for April 16 at 3:00pm.

Chapel Annex remodel – no report.

Grant request received from Day4Hope for \$8000. The request is on hold due to no available funds at this time.

Day4Hope 2026 – Date of event is August 8. Location is still undecided. May be COAST High School. Starting to request school supplies and books as well as volunteer sign-up. Go to their website www.day4hope-nc.org for the links.

Liz had a preliminary meeting with Paul Bailey, Bill Happer and Mother Betty regarding how the Mission Fund (now the Outreach Endowment) is being managed by the Outreach Board. The policies and procedures of the Outreach Board is the subject of Vestry Strategy #3. A future meeting has been set with Liz and the Strategy #3 team. Next meeting is scheduled for April 29, 2026 at 4:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.