

OUTREACH BOARD MINUTES

February 24, 2025

Present: Liz Halbert, Deb Alt, Shirley DesNoyers, Bill Happer, Judie Ratcliffe, Clark Sizemore, Maryann Darzano. Guest – Mary Ann Huntley

Meeting opened with a prayer.

Minutes from January 27, 2025, approved.

Financial Report – approved. Some amendments may be coming in the future per Treasurer.

Ministry Reports

SOIICF – St. Philips is hosting the meeting & lunch on 3/18. Parish Life will provide the lunch and maybe the dessert, Liz will help host and purchase the beverages. The cost of the luncheon will be paid out of the Outreach budget.

Diaper Ministry – Maryann reported that there were three new volunteers from St. Philips at the diaper bank. Happy to have additional enthusiastic volunteers!

Outreach Endowment Fund – no report.

CIS Tutoring/Mentoring at Supply ES – no report.

Brunswick Partnership for Housing – no report.

Lil' Bit of Help – no report.

ECW – Judie Ratcliffe reported that the Rummage Sale will take place on 3/15. They have many volunteers but can use more. They have designated \$2000 for the scholarship in Kim Happer's name at the BCC Culinary program. Bill Happer will also contribute \$2000 so they will be able to fund 8 scholarships. It is planned to be an ongoing scholarship. They may attempt to fund an endowment (requires \$25K) in the future.

Chapel Docent Program – Deb expressed frustration in getting progress on upkeep in the Chapel as well as bringing back the flags in the chapel. She has asked Worship if the old Bible can be moved from the sanctuary to the Chapel. The Chapel will be open Wed thru Sat from 10-2 starting in March. They plan to be open for the Fourth of July festival.

Men on a Mission – Clark Sizemore reported that they had 68 attendees at the AI Meeting in February. Members will be helping the ECW on 3/10, 3/11 and 3/15 for the rummage sale. On 3/20 Frazier Crane will speak on the Crane Paper Company.

Old Business –

Mission Center update – The committee is progressing on the project slowly. Contractors have been contacted. Rick Pearce was contacted about church insurance and no obvious roadblocks are apparent – there will be no additional cost. The diocese and the city need to be contacted for their requirements. Deb mentioned that it would be helpful if the 2 steps between the chapel and the annex could be replaced with a ramp as well as the front door lock be replaced.

New Business –

Newcomer Reception on 3/9 – Liz will be gone and needs a substitute to represent Outreach. Judie volunteered reluctantly but would like someone else to step up.

Ministry in Focus on 3/16 – Judie Ratcliffe will speak on UTO Offering Boxes.

Revision of Policies and Procedures – The revisions that Liz sent out were discussed. Additional revisions were suggested, and a new version will be emailed to the board for approval.

A grant request was received from Brunswick Bands for \$2000. Upon review, it was determined that the request did not align with our priority areas of focus. It was voted on to deny funding of the request. Liz will notify the organization.

A grant request from Day4Hope was received for \$8000. It was decided to contact the chair for a review of their budget from last year regarding how our previous grant funds were spent. The request will be reviewed at the March meeting.

Since one member cannot attend Monday meetings it was asked if another day would work for the board. Wednesdays were suggested. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 26 at 4:00 in Room 202 pending approval from Lorraine regarding the room availability.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Liz Halbert.