

## **OUTREACH BOARD MINUTES**

### **July 30, 2025**

Attending: Liz Halbert, Margaret Melando, Sally Learned, Judie Ratcliffe, Deb Alt.

Meeting opened in prayer.

Board minutes from May 28, 2025 were approved.

No financial reports received this month. Last report received was from Feb 2025. We estimated we have at least \$13,000 to spend.

### **Ministry Reports**

SOIICF – Margaret highlighted that the Food Pantry and Human Needs resources are starting to show signs of the cutbacks in government support. Donations from groceries are down (also due to high season) and the Food Bank is very low in supplies. The parking lot has been completed in budget. Day4Hope is taking place on Aug 9 at Odell Williamson. There are 328 registered children – over twice as many as last year. The Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, Oct. 19 at Franklin Park. Shirt order forms will be available at the August SOIICF meeting. SOIICF is looking for people to fill officer positions due to some retirements. It is not necessary to be currently active but it is recommended that interested people attend a couple of board meetings.

Diaper Ministry – no report.

CIS Tutoring – no report. This program will most likely be discontinued. Liz brought in an article from State Port Pilot about NC VIPs – another group that conducts tutoring at Supply Elementary that may be an alternative.

Brunswick Partnership for Housing – Sally reported that all is going well at BPH. The need is greatly increasing, however. They have a new Facebook and Instagram page. Hagood Homes is doing the plans for the new adjacent building for workforce housing pro bono. Plans will be presented to the city next month. Their next big fundraiser/awareness event is Sleep Out Brunswick being held at Brunswick Community College on Oct. 24-25.

Lil' Bit of Help – Deb reported that our funds from last year have resulted in a new sound system and windows in the church. Great improvements and much appreciated.

ECW – Judie reported that a picture appeared this week in the State Port Pilot of the check presentation to BCC for the Kim Happer Memorial Scholarship Fund. Great publicity! The Fall Festival will take place on Saturday, October 4. They are hoping people are busy making crafts at home since there are no workshops this year. The ECW Retreat is planned for April 28-May1, 2026. Reservations and deposits are currently being taken.

Chapel Docent – Deb reported they had at least 50 visitors the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>. She is still waiting on the replacement of the light fixture. There is interest in rehanging the flags that were removed during the renovation – she has been unable to locate them. Were they discarded? She also reported that a Goony Bird was stolen from the Chapel this month, but a replacement has been given. There was also an additional piece of bird art donated. Both are placed outside the building when it is open for visitors.

Men on a Mission – no report.

### **Old Business**

Chapel Annex>Mission Center update – Liz reported that she and Sally had made presentations to the F&F Board and the Vestry regarding the plans. F&F approved paying for the architectural fees from the Parish Hall capital campaign and agreed using additional funds for the renovation was in alignment with the intent of the fundraising. The Vestry asked that we firm up our plans for the building's use and present to them in the future. We stated that we needed to know they are behind the plan before a lot of work goes into it. They gave their support. The architect, Josh Cline, has begun working on the drawings. Evan Peterson met him at the Chapel Annex last week to revisit the space and stayed 90 minutes. A newly formed committee is meeting next week to start brainstorming our plans. A person from this committee will be selected to be a new member of the Outreach Board and report at our meetings.

Thank you to Sally for her excellent Ministry in Focus presentation on the Chapel Annex change. It seems there is some talk that we are planning to use it as an overnight homeless shelter. Please reassure anyone you hear this from that this is NOT the plan for use of the building.

### **New Business**

Liz gave the available MIF dates for September and October. Margaret would like to present on the Hunger Walk on Sep. 7 if possible. It was currently blocked out as a “no MIF” date. Liz will ask Mary Snell if it is available.

Grant applications were considered.

- 1) Brunswick Partnership for Housing (BPH) request for \$8000 for the Emergency Shelter Fund. – It was moved and seconded to award \$5000 to BPH.
- 2) Christian Recovery Centers, Inc. (CRCI) request for \$10,000 for renovations to a newly acquired building and campus to be used as a residential facility. It was decided to get some additional information from them before making a recommendation of funding. Liz will follow up with CRCI. A tentative recommendation of \$5000 was mentioned. We will follow up via email on the approval.

A Ministry Fair is scheduled for Homecoming Sunday Sept. 7. We would like the ability to have separate areas for each of the ministries vs just a trifold listing what we do. Liz will get more information at the Ministry Board Chair meeting on Aug. 6. The tentative displays would be on Hunger Walk, Food Pantry, Diaper Ministry, Chapel of the Cross and Chapel Annex Outreach Center. Outside ministries such as Brunswick Partnership for Housing and Lil' Bit of Help may also have displays if space is available.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, August 27 at 4:00 pm.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.