

OUTREACH BOARD MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 19, 2025

Present: Liz Halbert, Margaret Melando, Deb Alt, Judie Ratcliffe, Alice Kennedy, Bill Faherty, Maryann Darzano.

Meeting opened in prayer.

Minutes from the Oct. 29, 2025 meeting were approved.

The financial report dated 11/17/2025 was reviewed.

Expense account balance = \$4311.21

Investment account balance = \$8430.00

Angel Tree balance = \$625.00

Diaper Ministry = \$2078.96

Docent Ministry = \$650.00

Total remaining balance = \$9387.25 (\$7500 for BPH was approved at last meeting and is waiting to be paid out of this amount).

Final balance = \$1887.25

**Ministry Reports**

SOIICF – There is a need for more volunteers for SOIICF – especially in need of a secretary and vice moderator. The SOIICF Thanksgiving service will be on Sunday 11/23 at 5:00pm at St. Peter Lutheran. All are invited. Margaret reported that the food pantry has been fortunate to receive increased donations of food and money in the last month. The grocery store donations have been down, but other donations have increased. Both Blue Cross/Blue Shield and the Southport Lions Club each gave \$5000 and an anonymous donor gave \$10K. The Martin Luther King Day plans have been revived – there will be a march on 1/18 as well as a breakfast at Trinity Methodist followed by a round table discussion on 1/19. The plans for the Mother's Day weekend choral concert are still being formulated – may be too expensive to have it at Middleton Park.

Diaper Ministry – Maryann stated that she has purchased wipes – suggests going to the dollar store to purchase them. Needs are increasing at the Diaper Bank. Donations will be collected at the upcoming ECW annual meeting. She is looking for additional volunteers for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

Brunswick Partnership for Housing – In Sally's absence, Liz reported that the Sleep Out Brunswick event was very successful. Homelessness is increasing in the area. There is a waitlist for affordable housing.

Lil' Bit of Help – Deb reported that Shirley and George have returned from their 10-day trip to Belize. They worked primarily at St. Ann's school. A stone walkway between the kitchen

and the school was installed. Vestments from St. Philips were donated. The group would like to consider going on a mission trip in January 2026.

ECW – Judie reported that their annual meeting will be on 12/6 at Southport Gourmet. They will have officer elections and vote on the allocation of their funds. Donations of diapers (all sizes), wipes, creams and checks will be encouraged. UTO boxes will continue to be collected through the month of November.

Chapel Docent Program – Deb Alt stated that the Chapel will be open on 12/13 from 10:00am – 3:00pm. Three shifts of docents will be present. They are not an official stop on the house tour, but will have refreshments available in the Chapel Annex for anyone who stops in. They are requesting bakers to make 2 doz cookies each – also looking for hostesses.

Men on a Mission – Bill Faherty reported that they are in hibernation at this time.

Angel Tree – Liz received a report from Evan. He did a Ministry in Focus and the angel tree was put up last Sunday. All gifts should be wrapped and back to the church by Dec. 7.

Chapel Annex/Mission Center update – Liz reported that she had met with Dave Ham, Facilities chairman, and made a presentation to the Facilities Board. There were mostly positive comments, and they were supportive of the architectural plans. It was suggested that our next step would be to present to the Finance Committee. If that passes, an informational presentation should be made to the congregation for feedback and then to the Vestry for approval. It may take several meetings with Finance, parish and Vestry before final decision is made. It was suggested that we try to present at the January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance committee since the holidays are making it difficult to plan our committee meetings. Deb and Maryann expressed interest in serving on the committee so will include them in all future correspondence.

New outreach possibility – Alice Kennedy is going to contact the leader of NC VIPs. They currently have an excellent reading & math tutoring program at Supply ES and hope to expand to other area schools. She is going to see if volunteers could be trained for this year or if we should wait until August 2026 to recruit volunteers from SPEC.

It was voted and approved to donate an additional \$1500 to BPH for the grant that was proposed in October. We originally allocated \$7500 of the \$10K they requested, but we said if we had additional funds, we would add to it.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.