

OUTREACH BOARD MINUTES
MARCH 25, 2024

Present: Liz Halbert, Margaret Melando, Sally Learned, Judie Ratcliffe, MaryAnn Darzano, Rick Bonifant, Bill Happer.

February minutes approved.

Financial Report reviewed. Money spent on the luncheon for the SOIICF 2/20 meeting was financed under Parish Life budget.

Ministry Reports

SOIICF – Food Pantry's use continues to increase. They are currently in need of able bodied volunteers that can handle heavy loads. The Hunger Walk will take place on October 20 and will originate and end at St. Philips because Franklin Park is closed – has been approved by F&F. No need to access the inside of the church. Don Pravanka from the Meals on Wheels Council, Inc in New Hanover County spoke on their desire to expand their weekend deliveries of meals to Brunswick County. Currently St. Peter Lutheran delivers meals on the 2nd & 5th weekends of the month. There was a discussion about St. Philips taking on one or two weekends of the month. Liz will contact Pastor Jason at St. Peter to get the details of the ministry and report back next month. Reminder of Day 4 Hope on August 10 at the Moose Lodge. Many volunteers will be needed for the event.

Diaper Ministry – Things are going well. Jeff Gibby, director of Missions at Brunswick Baptist Association, was involved in a car accident and prayers are requested.

Outreach Endowment – no report.

CIS Tutoring/Mentoring – no report.

Brunswick Partnership for Housing – All is going well. BPH received a \$6000 grant from Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The Shallotte Rotary Club is planting two raised bed gardens for them.

Lil' Bit of Help – Shirley passed along that the reassessment of future shipment focus continues to be reviewed.

Belize-St. Paul's Ministry – Judie reported that the Texas church was not able to make the trip to Belize this year, so Father Stone recruited locals to complete the projects that St. Philips had provided supplies for. Kim Bernard is contacting the diocese to figure out best methods to transfer money to Belize. They are also contacting the local Sherwin Williams to coordinate with the Sherwin Williams in Corozal. Projects for next year may be installing a sound system in the church and providing sports equipment like a basketball hoop for the play area.

ECW – April 13 is the White Elephant Sale. Craft Workshops for the Fall Festival are continuing.

Chapel Docent Program – no report. There is a question about whether Docents should be on the Outreach ministry board. Liz will raise the issue at the next Ministry Board meeting.

Men on a Mission – Rick reported there were 17 people at their last meeting. They had a speaker about the Living Shoreline. They will help with pickups for the White Elephant Sale and sell sausage & biscuits the day of the sale.

Old Business

- It was moved that Outreach caps international mission donations at 20% of their total distribution of funds with 80% staying in Brunswick County. Sally moved and Margaret seconded. The motion passed with 5 yeas and 1 nay. For reference, this year the international missions would receive approximately \$5000.
- The ministry of collection of leftover food and supplies from Oak Island vacationers is tabled at this time.

New Business

- The sister church relationship of St. Philips and St. Pauls in Belize is being pursued with the diocese by Kim Bernard.
- Men on a Mission had submitted a Memorandum of Understanding to the Outreach Board. After discussion and clarification of the Policies & Procedures of the Outreach Board, it was deemed unnecessary. Men on a Mission will have a representative on the board and express their desires on spending as other members of the board. They expressed their desire to coordinate with other groups on projects. Bill Happer will meet with Sally to learn about needs in the county.
- We revisited the grant request from Samara's Village. Sally will contact Samara's Village to inquire about their progress on their expansion into Shallotte.
- Ministry in Focus dates – April 14 – Judie will speak at 8:00 and Kim B at 10:00 about Belize – St. Pauls. They will have a presentation at the coffee hour. Future dates are May 26 – SOIICF and July 7?
- How can we use our campus for community outreach? We need to coordinate with the Vestry's strategy for campus use. There were many ideas floated about the use of the Chapel Annex as a "Mission Center". It is currently used only by AA, ECW for storage and some meetings by church groups. There is a current need in the community for free meeting space – could we provide that? A kiosk with food and prayer cards on the same side of Dry Street was also mentioned. Sally is going to meet with Bill Happer to talk about ideas – he is on the Vestry campus use strategy.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Liz Halbert