

St. Philips Episcopal Church Outreach Board Minutes
March 26, 2025

Attendees: Liz Halbert, Deb Alt, Maryann Darzano, Judie Ratcliffe, Shirley Desnoyers, Sally Learned, Clark Sizemore, Alice Kennedy

Opening Prayer: Liz Halbert

Minutes: February Board Minutes Approved

Financial Report: The Outreach Budget stands at \$20,330.88.

Ministry Reports:

SOIICF: The Federal Government's budget cuts and Tariffs will have a large impact on food and housing for those in need in Brunswick Country. Funds could be cut up to 50%. The Outreach Walk will occur on October 19 and will begin back at Franklin Square once again. Diane Hennessy will receive the Governor's Award for Volunteers this year.

Diaper Ministry (DM) : Maryann reported that things have slowed down due to the changes of the new Administration. Due to fears of deportation, many immigrant families are fearful of coming out in public to receive assistance.

Outreach Endowment Fund: St. Philips now plans to use a manager from the diocese to manage all the endowment accounts - including the Outreach Endowment Fund. The outreach account will now receive a percentage of the average fund balance of the previous 12 quarters, less administrative fees, on a quarterly basis. At this time, it will be 1%. When comparing what amount we have previously received, it will now be significantly greater. The dividends will now be reinvested in the fund. The change will be communicated to the Fairley family.

CIS Tutoring/Mentoring at Supply ES: Alice reported that she and possibly other volunteers are finding it difficult to tutor in the space they are given to work. It was recommended that Alice reach to all of the volunteers and get their opinions as well and also reach out to the CIS Director.

Brunswick Partnership for House: Sally Learned reported that the one of the transitional housing clients have moved into a Habitat for Humanity House. Great news! Also, ATT sold a lot and there was an acquisition of the property by BPH. Housing will be for low to moderate income families. Due to the storms and cold weather this year BPH is out of money for emergency shelters. Last year \$36,000 was spent. There was a discussion about property owned by St. Philips on Route 86 - Liz Halbert was going to check on this for possible use for low income housing. There will be a fundraiser for BHP on Tuesday, May 20, at American Fish. The cost will be \$50 a ticket.

Lil' Bit of Help: Shirley report that all with Lil' Bit of Help is up and running. There is a full and active Board. Shirley will be traveling to Belize soon for 2 weeks.

ECW: Judie reported that that rummage sale raised \$3,400. She also reported on the High Tea that ECW will hold in May. Pat Bittenbender is leading this outreach effort.

Chapel Docent Program: Deb Alt reported that the Chapel has been cleaned and also that the Bible has been brought back into the Chapel. The Docent's schedule will go back to Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10-2.

MOAM: There will be no April meeting for MOAM. MOAM broke even on the sale of sausage biscuits for the rummage sale.

Old Business:

Mission Center Update: Liz Halbert is meeting with architects to discuss the re-design of the Chapel Annex. Previous plans to refurbish the Annex were found and will be looked at for the new renovation.

Revision of Policies and Procedures: The revisions were voted on and accepted.

New Business:

Ministry in Focus: Judie Ratcliffe will speak on May 18 on United Thank Offering.

Grant Request: \$8,000 was approved to be given to Day4Hope.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 30th at 4:00

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm with the Lord's Prayer.