

OUTREACH BOARD MINUTES

April 29, 2024

Present: Liz Halbert, Karla Platt, Judie Ratcliffe, MaryAnn Darzano, Deb Alt, Shirley Desnoyers, Bob Wright, Bill Happer.

March minutes approved.

Financial Report reviewed.

Ministry Reports

SOIICF – Food Pantry's use continues to increase. They served 1108 families and 721 individuals. There was a speaker at the last meeting with great health related material, this material has been passed along to Susan Chase for Pastoral Care and Vestry Whole Person Strategy. Work is still going on for Day 4 Hope. They are looking at 200 children for the event. The event needs a Secretary, Registrar, and Volunteers. The event is arranged that the families will have an appointment and a volunteer will go with the family through each station of the event. The event is geared towards grades K-8 but will not turn away older students. Outreach will see how we can contribute once there is a more formal figuration of the event.

Diaper Ministry – Things are going well. Storage at the diaper facility is full which is wonderful. St Philips received a thank you letter for our support to the diaper bank.

Outreach Endowment – no report.

CIS Tutoring/Mentoring – Went well this year. Will continue next year. Alice is working with Drew on the positives and negatives of the past year to improve the program for next year.

Brunswick Partnership for Housing – All is going well. Graduated 2 families, screening new ones. Fundraising event on May 21st tickets on sale on their website.

Lil' Bit of Help – Refocusing on library supplies and school supplies instead of textbooks. Last year's shipment was the largest one at just under 35 tons.

Belize-St. Paul's Ministry – Planning on a January trip. Looking to doing work internationally in Belize and not just directly with St Pauls.

ECW – The white elephant sale took in 4,583.08. The plan is to give Men on a Mission some of the proceeds for the help they gave to this event. The women are still working for the fall festival. Ideas are being put out there for new fund raising and ending the fall festival.

Chapel Docent Program – Plans are in the works to be open all week the week of July 4th. Deb is planning to have a meeting soon.

Men on a Mission – Will be hosting a fishing tournament in May Craig Allan is putting the event together. They are hosting a meeting at Brunswick Town May 16 spouses are invited. Talk of putting a blood drive together along with other fundraising ideas.

New Business

- Grant from Samara's Village has been tabled as we look further into the details and the finances.
- Grant from Brunswick Literacy Council was discussed and awarded \$500 with Judie motioning and Shirley seconded and board unanimous yas.
- Meals on Wheels Ministry is still in the work in progress stage. Checking with other groups in the church to see if volunteers are out there. Will continue to discuss at next meeting.
- Upcoming MIF Dates:
May 26th SOICF
July 7 Day 4 Hope

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Karla Platt