

Minutes – OUTREACH BOARD – 10-12-2021

In attendance: Frazer Crane, Maryann Darzano, Deb Alt, Rose Dahill, Shirley Desnoyers, Holly Meiners, Margaret Melando, Bob Fuchs serving temporarily as Chair until the end of the year, Cathie Courtnage, serving until the end of the year as Communicator

The meeting began with a prayer by Bob Fuchs. Then members briefly introduced themselves and the number of years they had been on this board. The theme of this meeting was to determine what needed to be accomplished before the end of the year.

Bob presented the current financial statement showing that the Outreach Endowment Fund earlier known as the Mission Fund has a balance of \$5445 that needs to be distributed before the end of the year.

A discussion ensued as to charities that could benefit from this contribution.

Bob had included financial requests in his handout to members. These requests included one from Tink Shelton for the summer reading program at VWES, a request from Sally Learned for Brunswick Partnership for Housing, a request from Katrina Knight for Good Shepard's Soup Kitchen (Wilmington), a request from Shirley Desnoyers and George Ball for funds for Lil Bit of Help (Belize) and a request from Dana Richardson for a donation to New Hope Clinic to include a leaf on a plaque to honor Doug Stone.

There was a discussion as to whether to solicit requests or go with predetermined charities. It was voted on and approved to donate to known entities this year. It was also discussed that we need to determine rules in the future for distribution of funds such as our focus, vetting and whether the charity is a 501C3.

After a discussion of all the requests and some additional charities, it was voted on and approved that we would distribute the Outreach Endowment of \$5445 to Brunswick Partnership for Housing.

The request for \$1000 to New Hope Clinic in honor of Doug Stone was approved pending receipt of the money from the Men's Club.

Other requests for Outreach donations from the Outreach temporary restricted fund will be considered closer to the time when the donation would be used.

Another topic of discussion, because of reported irregularities, was whether to distribute funds in the future to the Streetreach charities to include Winter Shelter and Angel Tree. Margaret Melando will check into the Streetreach organization and report back to the board. The board approved continuing St. Philip's involvement with the Angel Tree this holiday season.

Cathie presented a request from Priscilla Wheeler for the Food Pantry Christmas Gas Gift Cards. It was decided that it was necessary to restrict the number of requests for funds from parishioners. Cathie will ask Priscilla to request an amount that Outreach might donate to this program from the Outreach temporary restricted funds.

Maryann presented proposed changes to the Diaper Ministry that included working with the Baptist Association in Bolivia which is the collection and distribution point for the Lower Cape Fear Diaper Bank which is overseen by the Greater NC Diaper Bank in Wilmington serving Pender, New Hanover and Brunswick counties. This would improve the distribution of our diapers. George Humphreys will be joining Maryann and Frank in this effort. We will continue to have diapers in our closet for any disasters in this area. The changes were approved.

The need for another meeting before the end of the year is yet to be determined.

The meeting concluded at 4:30 with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathie Courtnage
Outreach Communicator