

Minutes - **OUTREACH BOARD** - 4-13-2021
2:30 In person/ZOOM

In Attendance: Father Eric, Shirley Desnoyers, Deacon Sally Learned, Ruth Smith, Rich Alt, Holly Meiners, Deborah Bass, Margaret Melando, Liz Halbert, Cathie Courtnage

The meeting began with a prayer by Ruth Smith after which the minutes from the 11-10-2020 meeting were approved. We welcomed new members, Rich Alt, Mission Fund, Deborah Bass, ECW rep, Margaret Melando and Lowe Davis, SOIFF reps. and Holly Meiners, chaplain

We received a thank you from Brunswick County Family Services and Samara's Village for diapers and Hope Harbor, Brunswick Family Services, New Hope Clinic and SOIFF for donations.

Stewardship: Liz Halbert, representing the Stewardship Committee, said there will be an emphasis on stewardship as a year round endeavor visa a one time event. The hope is to improve participation by church members becoming more aware of the various ministries. Therefore, the Stewardship Committee would like to highlight activities in the enews and service announcements. Ruth gave a synopsis of the Outreach ministries and how they have been affected by Covid. In addition, Shirley gave an overview of the Belize ministry. Because Mothers' Day is upcoming, Cathie will contact Maryann Darzano for a Diaper Ministry update for enews and announcements.

Margaret asked about employing an "Activities Fair" but Liz felt it is more effective to ask people directly to participate.

Program Church: Father Eric reminded us that now we are a program church, the Rector steps out of the way to enable members to do some of the ministry. The Rector will support the leaders and members of the various boards. Holly Meiners will serve as our chaplain and will share our activities with the Vestry. He asked that we develop a mission statement for Outreach. He reminded us of the importance of communication.

Budget: The following disbursements were voted on and approved (since our last meeting) through emails: Souper Bowl, \$500; Winter Shelter, \$2000; Family

Assistance for tornado victims, \$1000 and completion of the Angel tree commitment.

At this time Outreach has a balance of \$6,762.89. It was voted on and approved that \$1000 be given to the Diaper Ministry, \$250 for the annual American Legion scholarship, \$1000 to the Belize Ministry for shipping of goods and \$2000 for the Street Reach bookbags.

A grant request was received from the Brunswick Country Literacy Council for \$1500 for chrome books and materials for in-home learning. We will consider this request in the fall.

Old Business: The Darzanos supported the **Night to Shine** this year. Maryann made cushions for the tiaras. Newspaper clippings and information about this event were shared with the members of Outreach.

Deacon Sally gave an update about **Winter Shelter**. Few people used the Captains Cove this year. She has asked for an accounting from Street Reach to go to SOIFF since there has not been clear accounting to this point. She will report back to us and asked that we hold off with any future funding of Winter Shelter.

Deacon Sally also gave an update of the **Brunswick Partnership for Housing** which is transitional housing for needy people located in Southport. These people might be recent hospital discharges or other forms of need for temporary housing. They hope to start construction renovation in May. They have received \$30,000 from SOIFF and \$80,000 from area churches.

New Business: Rich said he will review the Vanguard account and compare it to other vehicles for investment. He will report back to us.

Ruth has asked us to send ideas to her through email about the mission statement for Outreach so that we can discuss it at the July meeting.

The next meeting will be **July 13, 2021 at 2:30** in the Parish Hall.

The meeting was concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathie Courtnage

