

Minutes - **Outreach Board** – September 26, 2022

In attendance: Rich Alt, Deb Alt, Shirley Desnoyers, Margaret Melando, Sally Learned, Nancy Corsi, Dan Corsi

The meeting began with an opening prayer, review and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting. Two additions were made to the current agenda, discussion of church priorities, and a review of the grant application process.

Ministry Reports:

Interfaith Fellowship: (Sally Learned) Sally suggested that we designate contributions to the overall Interfaith Ministry not directly to the Food Pantry as there are increasing human needs in the community and they will have exhausted their funds by year end while the Food Bank has reserve funds available to them. Deb Alt has requested examples of the community human needs.

Brunswick Partners for Housing (Sally Learned)

Shelter renovations under construction should be completed by fall. Several major grants have been received to fund the project completion and hopefully result in a reduced mortgage amount.

Homeless Outreach – Working to provide help in Brunswick County through hotels/motels; shelters in Wilmington are at 50% capacity.

The telephone number for the Outreach coordinator is 910-946-1499

Looking for funds for a rural homeless initiative.

In the process of expanding their board with emphasis on diversity to potentially include a formally homeless person.

Grant writing has begun for general operating support and mortgage reduction.

August 13, 2022 fundraiser has been scheduled.

Mission Fund (Rich Alt) Rich stated that board must distribute \$ 5,562.93 by year end 2022.

Belize Ministry: (Shirley Desnoyers) Eight people are planning to attend the next mission trip to Carousal Belize, January 20th -26th 2023. Shannon Alan has agreed to be the project chair for this trip. The group will assess their anticipated needs then make a funding request. All trip attendees will cover their own personal expenses. The group has decided to drop their 501C3 designation but partner with other Episcopal Churches that also serve Belize. It was suggested that a member of the Belize group regularly attend the Outreach Board meetings.

Interfaith Fellowship/Food Pantry: (Margaret Melando)

Interfaith Fellowship Walk: Scheduled for October 23rd. All community churches will participate in the 3 mile walk around Southport. There will be a children's choir and the Southport Mayor will be participating. T-shirts will be available.

November 2022 Prayer Service: Southport Community Center will be the sight of the Interfaith Fellowship prayer service scheduled for November 27th. Notices will be placed in the E-News, Church Bulletin, and Come & See.

Food Pantry: Donations have been very generous from the community and local grocery stores. Approximately 1,250 people are being served every month and they are seeing more senior citizens registering and qualifying. They also have a sufficient number of volunteers. Presently the Food Pantry has \$ 380,000 in designated donations plus a very ample reserve account. With this in mind Interfaith Fellowship is now requesting that future donation checks not be designated specifically to the Food Pantry but unrestricted so the moneys can be applied to other areas of need in the county. Deb Alt will speak to this in the October 16th Ministry Minute. There will also be a half page announcement in that Sunday bulletin.

SOIFF Monthly Meeting: Southport Interfaith Fellowship meets on the 3rd week of each month. Community churches take turns hosting the meeting and luncheon. St. Philips is scheduled to host the meeting and lunch on February 23, 2023 from noon to 2:30 PM. Nancy Corsi will submit a request for the hall to Lorraine.

Misc. Items Discussion: Sally Learned and the Belize mission will be submitting requests for Outreach funds. Sally 's request is to help finance a low income house under construction. As previously mentioned approximately \$ 5,563.00 is in the Outreach account. It was suggested by Rich Alt not to delete the available funds in the Sept/Oct timeframe as there may be an unexpected humanitarian need. (hurricane)

Deb Alt will request \$10,000 from the church for 2023.

Meeting Schedules: A suggestion was made to increase the meeting frequency from bimonthly to monthly. The following future meeting dates will be reserved and announcements placed in the church communications.

October 31,2022 4:00PM, November 28, 2022 4:00PM, December no meeting, January 16, 2023 4:00PM.

We will encourage that persons who have a project that they wish to present to the Outreach Committee attend the meetings and put forth their cause.

Topic for next meeting: During the next meeting scheduled for October 31st, the board has 3 goals:

- 1. Establish 2023 priorities and develop a plan to put them into place.**
- 2. Develop and review both the project and organization budgets**
- 3. Review the Literacy Council request for funding.**

Next Meeting: October 31st, at 4:00 PM., room 202 in the new parish hall

Meeting adjourned 5:45 PM followed with the Lord's Prayer

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