

## Minutes - OUTREACH BOARD – November 12, 2019

Attendees: Ruth Smith (chair), Fraser Crane, Linda Humphries, Liz Halbert, Deacon Sally Learned, Mary Ann Darzano, Shirley Desnoyers

The meeting began with an opening prayer by Ruth Smith.  
Minutes from the October 29, 2019 meeting were approved.

The most recent financial report was reviewed. Total dollars to donate are currently \$9360.58. The profits from the ECW Fall Festival have not yet been transferred to the Outreach account. ECW is meeting on 11/15/19 to determine their recommendations for disbursement of these funds.

Deacon Sally gave an update on the non-profit forming to tackle the homeless problem in Brunswick County. The group is now called the Brunswick Partnership for Housing (BPH). The goals for BPH are 1) to provide transitional housing for families in need and 2) to advocate for affordable housing development in Brunswick County. Sally pointed out the challenges in addressing the homeless problem – the vast size of Brunswick County, the need for social services, a smaller population of younger, single people and a larger population of working families that can't afford housing. A different individual/organization has plans to develop the old Brunswick Hospital to serve homeless veterans and single people. BPH is going to be dealing exclusively with the family population. Sally pointed out that the immediate need is for funds for renting scattered transitional houses and other administrative costs. A highly skilled Board of Directors (currently four people) has been formed with plans to expand. After her report, a motion was moved, seconded and approved to donate \$10,000 to Brunswick Partnership for Housing.

Winter Shelter – Sally has talked to Ida Parker regarding the upcoming Winter Shelter. Ida may need additional help due to her husband's health. The tentative dates are January 12-18, 2020. A Welcome Basket, dinner and breakfast will be provided to each resident.

Diaper Ministry – Mary Ann reported that some of the delivery volunteers are having trouble accessing the diapers due to the stairs. Looking for new volunteers for delivery.

Glenn Klinburg notified Ruth that the MLK tickets will be available at the next board meeting.

Old Business – Mary Ann Darzano recommended that cover letters be sent to the recipients of any of our donations. She had received a call from the Daughters of the King and they were confused what our check was for.

Ruth reported that we received thank you notes from New Hope Clinic, Episcopal Relief & Development and the Outer Banks Community Foundation. We received a donation request from the Brunswick County Literary Council for new and used children's books.

The next meeting will be December 10, 2019 at 2:30 pm.  
The meeting was concluded with the Lord's Prayer.