

TRINITY SOCIAL MINISTRY TEAM MINUTES 5/15/2018

Present: Mitzi Jones (facilitator), Linda Drye (scribe/recorder), Kristen Campbell, Carol Crowe, Margie Fox, Kathy Gottlieb, Kim Hoover, Grace Hoyt, Joe Hunter.

Meeting opened @ 7 pm in Room 228.

Excused absences: Maggie Ackerman, Cheryl Akers, Lynn Bertram, Holly Frymoyer, Lorraine Graybill, Brad Hollinger, Jeff Weaver and Karen Wright.

Devotions: Mitzi offered prayer.

Minutes approved: Approval of last meetings' minutes (10/2017)— Unanimously approved.
Motion carried.

Communications: Correspondence folder passed around.

Chair Report:

Ministries changes: Karen Wright will be stepping down from CROSS and Jeff Weaver from Criminal Justice ministries. We thank them for their service. Tom Drye will be the new liaison for Criminal Justice outreach services at CCU and share CROSS with Michelle Stine to co-chair.

Expense Report passed around table.

Recent activities: 12/17 \$500 YMCA annual fund.

3/2/2018 -- \$500 to Mens Shelter

3/9/2018 --\$500 Bethesda Mission foundation work.

3/10/2018-- \$1,500 Neighborhood Center

3/18/2018-- \$1,000 Neighborhood Center Ladies in Training

Lenten boxes totaled \$1501.50 went to Bethesda Missions.

Old Business:

Mitzi reports still being contacted by CACCC and Pastor Horner promises to call them since we dissolved our relationship with this ministry.

New Business:

Highlight Schedule: Lengthy discussion was held with those in attendance about how to improve on the spotlight of Trinity's outreach ministries. Bulletin board is not popular to place and not felt to evoke much attention. The September Ministries Fair was brought up to be overwhelming. Thoughts raised were one ministry featured at month --table presence in Gathering space second Sunday; put a generalized bulletin board with small entries of each ministry and perhaps contact info and what volunteer opportunities are available. The thought also of having ministries chose the months for their articles (especially those that might reflect a certain time of year) like Domestic Violence Awareness month is October, winter shelter in Nov/December times frame, etc.

Mitzi is **still** trying to recruit someone to run **God's Work, Our Hands** projects for September.

Giving Tree July and December also discussed. Need to coordinate with Stephanie Maurer about assistance with this in absence of Donna Sprowls temporarily.

Mitzi requests Please consider giving to the **Capital Appeal Campaign** --complete a pledge card.

Ministry Updates: Comments from coordinators:

- **Sewing Ministry** – Carol Crowe – April’s daytime meeting -We had 5 ladies attend. Three quilts were tied and put in the closet. This gives us 7 completed quilts. We still have 9 quilts to be tied. Five quilt tops kits were laid out. This gives us 7 to kits to sew. We have five sandwiched quilts to be sewn, turned and top stitched. We have 15 quilt tops to be sandwiched. Seven of these are complete sets with backing, batting and top. The evening ladies can do some sandwiching of these in May. We have enough batting in the closet for another 16 quilts. I will keep
- **Bethesda Mission:** Mary Ann Landis not in attendance. .
- **Allison Hill Medical Clinic/Christ Lutheran Medical** Margy Fox and. Kim Hoover spoke about their visit to the clinic. They report there are flags displayed of each country from which their patients come from. Upcoming event Ministry Partners Sunday 6/3/2018. They treat their mission partners to lunch as a thank you for support. Pastor Drew Stockstill is the new pastor since Jodi Silliker is retiring (original founder). Then a list of items needed was read. Joe raised the motion and Kathy seconded --we voted unanimously to give \$1,000 to them for these needed supplies. **Motion Carried.**

Camp Curtin Y: Cheryl Akers not in attendance. She reports through email an opportunity to form a 501 c3 as a Community Development Committee to purchase run-down properties adjacent to Camp Curtin Y and rebuild them. Future owners would take classes financing and parenting at Y in order to qualify for the home and also help build the home like Habitat for Humanity. She is requesting \$1500 (actually costs several thousands) to file to create this 501 c3 -- some grants have pending deadlines. Name is Project Ryse for now.

- **CCU:** Joe Hunter in attendance Told us about luncheon conference at Trinity Monday, 5/21/2018 LAMP-- Lutheran Advocacy Ministry PA. Lay leaders and pastors will attend and they then go to the capitol.
- **Criminal Justice Ministry:** Kristen present. Kristen reports annual Community Connections Breakfast set for this Saturday 5/19/2018. They are expecting #30-50 guests. Dates for work release worship at CCU are 6/10/2018 and 8/19/2018.
- **CROSS:** Karen Wright not in attendance. She is stepping down and replacement is Tom Drye. They have a coffee house/pizza and Bingo night this Friday, 5/18/2018 at Trinity.

Domestic Violence: Linda Drye reported they have had the kitchen, living room and dining room renovations at the emergency shelter by Cumberland Design & Building Company. Someone also refinished the floors in the children playroom. As of January

2018 they have averaged 11 women and 7 children/month in the shelter. They are now currently housing 6 women and 8 children. Linda shared their current needs of items for Giant cards to underwear for women and children.

- **Delta Housing/Gaudenzia:** Lorraine Graybill not in attendance.
- **Ecumenical Food Pantry:** Lynn Bertram not in attendance. Report through email the food bank has served 10% more each month for last fiscal year. They are the largest food pantry in Dauphin County (by people served) and they receive an average of #700 food requests per month that provides food for on average for #2500. They operate 5 days a week with #200 volunteers. They thank Trinity for its consistent financial, volunteer and food donation support. As the number of individuals they serve increases--so have expenses and monetary donations and food donations to provide consistent supply of food staples and volunteers would be gratefully appreciated to address the fiscal year end finances.
- **New Hope Ministries:** Brad Hollinger not in attendance--nothing new to report.
- **Pink Hands of Hope:** Maggie excused not in attendance. Report through email they served more than #400 women in 2017. The Gifts of Hope program which provides gift cards for struggling cancer patients' families at Christmas and birthdays helped #27 families which included #65 children and grandchildren. Maggie expressed her joy in helping these women (with wigs, clothing, prayer shawls) and their tears when they find out no charge for their services. It is very rewarding to help these cancer victims.
- **St. Patrick's Cathedral Homeless Breakfast:** Kathy Gottlieb expressed still going strong. She is working on their schedule calendar which Trinity volunteers rotate approximately 3-4 times a year at this weekly (Saturday) breakfast assistance program for homeless, unemployed individuals in Harrisburg.
- **Tutoring:** Holly not in attendance. Program ended 5/14/2018 & 5/15/2018 for this school year. They had party for all second graders with ice cream and pretzel sticks and at least #2 books per student to take home. The remaining books were given to the teachers who will distribute as they see fit. Tutoring of first graders at Downey did not start until March; therefore tutors will continue to work there for at least 2 more weeks. They will distribute #2 books to these students also. A total of #27 tutors volunteered this school year in the Harrisburg School District. Teachers and students expressed their gratitude for the work of the tutors and the tutors indicated their benefit from the program also.
- **Winter Shelter:** Joe Hunter in attendance thanks for request of \$500 for bed sheets for the shelter.

Distribution of Designated Funds: Balance \$5,463.53. Also designated \$150 Bronze sponsorship for Bountiful Blessings golf outing in July, Kristi Hoffman Trinity contact.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 8/21/2018, at 7 pm. Room 239. Guest speaker Kristi Hoffman from Bountiful Blessing. Fall meeting 10/16/2018. **Meeting adjourned** @ 8:30 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes submitted by Linda Drye/edited by Mitzi Jones