

## **October 15, 2019**

### **Community Outreach Ministries**

**Present:** Mitzi Jones (facilitator), Linda Drye (scribe/recorder), Pastor Liz Frey, Carol Crowe, Maggie Ackerman, Joe Hunter, Brad Hollinger, Charles Reddinger, Lynn Bertram, Cheryl Akers

**Excused Absences** – Grace Hoyt, Holly Frymoyer, Margy Fox, Kim Hoover

Meeting opened @ 7 pm in Room 239

Devotions: Pastor Liz gave prayer

Minutes approved: Approval of last meetings' minutes (8/20/2019)-Unanimous. Motion carried.

Communications: Correspondence folder passed around.

#### **Announcements:**

Grace Hoyt is stepping down from special concerns. Her ministry was split in threes and divided as below.

Box tops will go to Tutoring Holly Frymoyer (future box tops will be online, Tutoring will investigate)

Blanket Sunday once a year maybe Carol Crowe

Knitwear collection for Harrisburg Camp Curtain - Cheryl Akers.

#### **Box Tops for Education**

Box tops for Education can be found on food and cleaning supply boxes from a number of manufacturers and can then be redeemed by schools for cash. 150 box tops have been collected in the gathering space since mid-summer and were given to Holly Frymoyer for distribution to Harrisburg elementary schools to allow them to purchase supplies.

#### **Blankets + Sunday**

Blankets + Sunday will be on November 3 with collection at all services that weekend. Envelopes and flyers have been ordered and the event will be publicized in the November edition of Trinity Parish and in Trinity Weekly. In 2018 \$2,217 was collected and distributed to Church World Services. The funds collected provide disaster relief to families in the U.S. and throughout the world.

#### **Knitwear Collection for Harrisburg Homeless Children**

The annual collection of knitwear for local homeless children will begin early in November. Trinity members have been very generous in their support of this program for a number of years with purchased and hand made donations. Some of the knitwear is distributed to homeless children from the Harrisburg school district at a Christmas party that is sponsored by area businesses. In 2018 the items collected far exceeded the needs of the party; these were given to Cheryl Akers to support her initiatives. A request for 2019 contributions will appear in the November issue of Trinity Parish and in Trinity Weekly.

**November Project – Pastor Liz** Sunday 11/10/2019 Mini Service Fair held in room 237 between **9:45 and 10:45** coordinating with sermons of Give, Serve (11/10/2019) and Leading. Volunteers to talk about and display their ministries were encouraged. YMCA, PHOH, Food Pantry, Tutoring, CCU and Sewing will set up tables.

#### **November/December 2019 GIVING TREE (plan for mid Nov)**

YMCA

Criminal Justice (considering \$10 requests for Lutheran prayer/devotional books)

Bethesda Mission

Ecumenical Food Pantry

**Special Fund** - Monies given to Trinity from Special funds (benevolence) for Missions & Community Outreach-- \$25,000.

Discussion about where to designate it. Mitzi will present at special meeting next Wednesday.

1. **Lutheran Disaster Relief** – Synod local level

2. **Synod Level Mission and Community Outreach Ministry** – Struggling Churches and New Mission start ups
3. **Camp Curtin YMCA** - Art supplies for Christmas Crafts; STEM Math Camp with a Robot Tutor \$900; Bus Field Trips – they do have their own transportation could use money To offset costs for admission fees, meals, etc.
4. **Ecumenical Food Pantry** - Golf Tournament in October 2020 and an event in the Spring; Need a Truck to Pick Up orders, up to twice a week; Church space renovations; Fresh Produce; Cheese; Ground Beef; Slush fund/seed money

**Budget** – Delta/Gaudenzia Ministry does not have a representative so their designated \$2,000 annual budget was divided between Ecumenical Food Pantry (extra \$1,000) Christ Lutheran Medical (\$500) and Pink Hands of Hope (\$500) Remaining ministry budgets will remain the same.

**Designated Funds - \$2,468.08**

Joe requested \$320 for Annual CCU dinner to sponsor table, unanimously agreed. Since we're coming to the holidays it was decided to give money to New Hope, Food Pantry and St. Patrick's, still keeping out \$1,000 emergency fund. Scott School Thanksgiving Dinner was given money last year, Maggie will check on this year's plans. Money can come from Special Benevolence Fund. New Balance - \$1,000.

**Replacement Chair:** Mitzi stepping down. We were all encouraged to think of candidates and let Pastor Liz know of any leaders (fresh objectivity) from congregation.

Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: 2/18/2020

Meeting adjourned: 8:15 pm.