

Outreach and Service Commission

Monday, January 20, 2020

Present: Bill Dornbush, Jennifer Dornbush, Lindsey Bell-Kerr, Diane Jackson, Andrea Davis, John Creager, Jennie Hartman, Carmen Rapp

Opening Devotion: Bill read from the book, *"I Have a Dream"* by Martin Luther King, Jr.

Correspondence: No correspondence.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

Fair Trade Products – Bill

Selling assignments:

January 26: John and (Linda)

February 2: Diane, Carmen

February 9: Andrea, Carmen

February 16: Jack and Marsha Dupre

February 23: John and Jennie

Homeless Ministries/Taskforce – John, Diane, Jennifer and Bill

Outreach and Services members visited the Gold Coin Motel at 2400 Mendocino Avenue for a presentation by Jack Tibbets, Santa Rosa city councilman, to learn of plans to provide affordable housing at the motel. The motel has 54 units, mostly single or couple occupancy. Units will be furnished with queen bed, refrigerator, microwave, sink and television. Half of the units will be extremely low income (up to \$24,000, \$565 rent and higher income \$900 per month, both including utilities). Cost per unit is \$150,000.

The complex will have parking, some carport storage, community room with computers, laundry, classes, an outdoor barbecue area and in the future, a community garden.

Work is to begin July – September for about six months. Volunteers will be painting, installing flooring, light fixtures, redoing kitchenette and bathroom as needed.

A volunteer coordinator and volunteers to commit to each weekday are needed. Several names were suggested and the possibility of having a co-coordinator.

Safe Parking Update - John

John reported that seven people are using the program. More volunteers are needed to help with check-in at night and morning.

Staff Update -Lindsey

The Task force would like to do more for the Safe Parkers, to help them move forward. Lindsey and Peg Ferrel will be meeting with each of our current safe parking participants Wednesday 1/22, to talk about the participant's goals and plans for life beyond safe parking. The parkers can use the program for six months.

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FISH Food Collection

Prior to the meeting, 180 grocery bags with lists of needed food items were prepared to be handed out January 26, with filled bags collected on February 2.

Volunteer Opportunity List – Bill

Bill read our Outreach and Service brochure and asked that we think of other forms of volunteering to present to the congregation.

Socks and Underwear Collection- Diane

Two large boxes and a bag have been collected and given to the Homeless Services Center.

VIM/Hope City Update Diane

Work at the house at 1936 San Miguel in Coffey Park is progressing, with some delays to pump water off the lot.

What's Happening: weekly information

Food collection for FISH; boxed breakfast cereal especially needed

Friends Outside information

Bulletin Board: December

Andrea will put up the Friends Outside special offering on February 16.

UMCOR Sunday special offering is on March 22.

Roseleaf Article: February issue

Carmen will write the UMCOR Sunday special offering article for the March *Roseleaf*.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

The next meeting is Monday, February 17, 4:00 p.m., in the Carriage House.

Respectfully submitted,
Carmen Rapp