

## **Outreach and Service Commission**

**Wednesday, December 12, 2018**

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

**Opening Devotion:** Bill shared the Paul Jeffery UMC video.

**Correspondence:** Friends Outside wrote to thank us for cards donated. There was a solicitation from Women's Recovery Services and a thank you from The Living Room's Marcy Clausen for backpacks.

**Welcome new member: Mere Ponijiasi**

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes were approved.

### **CURRENT BUSINESS:**

#### **Fair Trade Products – Bill**

Bill announced that we now have two new coffees available, in 1-pound bags, at \$1.00 more than our 10-ounce bags.

Selling assignments:

December 17: Diane, Carmen

December 23: John,

January 6: Diane, Andrea

January 13: Carmen, Linda

January 20: Diane, Jennifer and Bill

#### **O&S Planning Calendar for 2019**

It is to be determined if there will be a "Social Action Goes to the Movies" series in January.

#### **Homeless Ministries Taskforce/ Safe Parking Update – John**

One family is now living in the Family Support Center. Today is the one-year anniversary of our Safe Parking program at the Stony Point campus.

#### **VIM Update – Diane**

We have learned that Kevin Cox has been hospitalized for a tumor in his brain. In Sonoma County, two houses will begin building in March behind Cardinal Newman High School. There is a grant from Community Development. Hope City will not be doing any fundraising. The VIM team needs to decide where to do a two-week service.

#### **Request from Tuesday Night for socks on Christmas Eve, from Shirley Cheal**

They would need about 150 pair.

#### **FISH Food Collection – Jennifer**

We will give out the grocery bags on January 27. At our next meeting on January 23, we will prepare the bags.

**Sunday Announcements Outreach Opportunities – Bill**

Bill would appreciate some input for the O&S listings in the weekly bulletin.

**Fifth Sunday Outreach activity at Stony Point update – Lindsey**

Lindsey reported that this will continue after Jacob Wilbur leaves. The next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday is March 31<sup>st</sup> and a suggestion was made to do community garden preparation for spring.

**Sanctuary Organization in Sonoma County - Lindsey**

Lindsey asked if there is anyone at FUMC who would be interested in the Sanctuary Project.

Steve Harper of Shomrei Torah will be having a gun buy-back program at date to be determined. Volunteers are needed. Police officers will be there to handle the guns. Mike Thompson will speak. The hope is to raise \$500,000.

**Support for Nabu Warming Hut Ministry – Bill**

The Warming Hut is now located at Sam Jones Hall. O&S will help by supplying coffee for this ministry.

**Bulletin Board:**

January FISH food collection – Jennifer

Human Relations will go up after Underwear Bulletin Board is taken down.

**Roseleaf Articles for January/February issue. RL articles are due by January 4.**

FISH Food Collection: Carmen; Offering for Human Relations Day, Diane Jackson;  
February Offering for PFLAG and Positive Images, Shirley Cheal

Diane closed the meeting by reading Rev. Kris Marshall's poignant reflections on the overflow shelter tent which Reno UMC is sponsoring.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

The next meeting is Wednesday, January 23 at 4:00 p.m. in the Carriage House.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carmen Rapp