

Outreach & Service Commission
(Education, Justice, & Action)
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 27, 2018 - 4:00 p.m.

Attendees: Bill Dornbush, Jennifer Dornbush, John Creager, Andrea Davis, Marsha Dupre, Lindsey Kerr

Opening Devotion: on One Great Hour of Sharing

Correspondence: New brochure for FISH

Approval of Minutes: Approved as submitted

CURRENT BUSINESS:

Fair Trade Products - Bill

Selling assignments

- Mar. 4 - John
- Mar. 11 - Andrea
- Mar. 18 – Carmen and Marsha
- Mar. 25 - Diane

Wildfire Recovery Task Force Update – Bill and Jennifer and Lindsey

Homes for Sonoma (HFS) Proposal – the FUMC task force has drafted an MOU and we waiting for legal review before taking the MOU to HFS. Lindsey noted that she drafted a letter and Blake and Paul O’Rear signed it to indicate our intent to provide our space. We are reviewing the layout at Stony Point to take other projects into account. A work day is under development by Lindsey as a follow-up to Easter to encourage people to help with construction.

Homeless Ministries Taskforce Update - Bill, Jennifer and John

Safe Parking Update. We are serving 6 vehicles with 11 people. Typically, we have 1-3 cars and up to 6 people. We are providing breakfast on Sunday mornings. Sebastopol UCC is planning to start. The Y is still allowing people to visit. Trustees are interested in more security cameras and open to other locations.

Volunteer Opportunities in the Jail – Bill and John.

We took another 15 people on tour. We need someone to organize books being donated. Marsha suggested Lucinda Brashares as a possible book volunteer. They need tutors and financial literacy help. Marsha suggested Redwood CU as a resource.

Social Action Goes to the Movies – Jennifer

John reviewed the program on Bail, and noted that Sonoma County has been willing to let people out if they are not deemed a risk to self or community.

The next presentation is on Health Care and Single Payer system on March 17.

On March 24, there is a program on recovering from the fire, finding a way back from trauma.

VIM Trip for 2018 and other fire related volunteer activities

At the VIM Steering Committee meeting, Hope City is looking for a place to house volunteers and we are working to help. Hope City is organizing a work day on June 9 for assembling 100 sheds for homeowners who were burned out. VIM will be going to Middletown Sept 23-Oct 5.

NEW BUSINESS:

Andrea provided an update on worship attendance

Lindsey said that the pastors are responsible for setting worship times and that discussion is going on about our worship services and the costs and staff involved.

Bulletin Board:

March: UMCOR Sunday to March 11, then Easter Offering (**Andrea**)
Social Action Goes to the Movies, Homes for Sonoma

Roseleaf Articles for March:

Easter Special Offering, April 1 (Andrea will work with Diane)

Next Meeting – March 27 at 4 PM, location Carriage House

The meeting was closed in prayer by Lindsey.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Dornbush