

## **OUTREACH & SERVICE COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES, APRIL 24, 2018**

**Attendees:** Marsha Dupre, Diane Jackson, Jennie Hartman, John Creager, Jacob Wilbur, Jennifer Dornbush, Bill Dornbush

**Opening Devotion:** Bill read from "New Every Day" Enduring Difficult Change

**Minutes:** Minutes were approved as distributed.

#### **Fifth Sunday Focus on Service:**

Jacob Wilbur shared his ideas about the Fifth Sunday Service focus. For the first event, we are keeping it simple: work around the church, Giffen House, bushes, barn, making about 50 sandwiches for the homeless and take to Joe Rodota Trail, taking food to FISH. Diane will shop for ingredients for sandwiches and lunch bag contents. We may need gloves and tools.

In the future, we will do stuff more outside the church: Pick donation beds in the community garden and take the produce to FISH. Jacob will discuss this more with Dian Jorgensen. We will consider looking for seniors who need help at home, and seniors might be both in our congregation and in the community. Habitat for Humanity sheltering in place could provide names and projects. Group home help, John Creager will try to find a contact. We could sort books at the jail, sort greeting cards. We will look into food packing at Redwood Empire Food Bank.

#### **Fair Trade:**

Apr 29 - John Creager

May 6 - John Creager

May 13 - Andrea

May 20 - Marsha and Jack

May 27 - Diane

Bill informed all that Jennifer and he will not be here on Sundays May 27, June 3, 10, and 17. Marsha will check with Jack to see if he will cover for ordering while Jennifer and Bill are gone.

#### **Wildfire Recovery:**

We have signed the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with Homes For Sonoma and Burbank Housing, and are working on a lease with Burbank Housing.

Hope City has approached us about the possibility of a volunteer center at Stony Point. Kevin Cox is working on a proposal.

**VIM:**

Practice shed build will occur this Saturday.

June 9: A total community effort to build 100 sheds and deliver them, we want to work with homeowners, who are eligible for free shed if they have no insurance. The Bridge is providing lunch, and T-shirts will also be provided by Hope City.

Sept 23-28, Sep 30-Oct 5, we are planning VIM trips to Middletown.

**Homeless Ministries Task Force:**

Safe Parking, We think we have three successes getting parkers into housing.

We changed to an ADA toilet.

We got grant money from the city, about \$9000.

The Living Room is having a benefit Thursday, donating 100% of happy hour food from Porch & Plow.

World Hunger Awareness Day is tomorrow, and restaurants will donate to this as announced Sunday.

HMTF proposal to Church Council: Could the lay leader coordinate Belong, Become, Be on an ongoing basis? And provide calendaring and coordination and communication?

Plan B joint meeting: This is an expansion of Share Sonoma shared housing (<http://sharecalifornia.org/>), John and Jennie want to present to a larger group. Expectation would be that some people would be willing to participate after a meeting. Compare with IHSS. Could we include this as a topic in Fifth Sunday Service? Or at both campuses?

Jail: There are books that need someone to sort and manage them. Redwood CU Matt Martin is developing a package for financial literacy for inmates, currently circulating questionnaire to inmates for what do they want, then they will plan how to do it. They may expand to Tuesday night later.

**Summit:**

There is no membership committee. Recommend to track and act on this.

Service: Minute for Mission was proposed. We will develop a plan and then present to staff for their acceptance. Could we find the people and then discuss with staff on how to slot this into services?

Pride Parade is June 2 and the Reconciling Community of Faith plan to participate. Please participate as you want.

**Bulletin Board**

May 20 concert - Bill

Homes for Sonoma - Diane

Shed Build - Diane

**Roseleaf**

VIM trip - Diane

Next meeting will be May 15 at 4 PM (Note date change due to vacation conflict)

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Dornbush