

## **Outreach and Service Commission**

### **Monday, October 12, 2020 ZOOM meeting**

Present: Bill Dornbush, Jennifer Dornbush, Pastor Lori Sawdon, Diane Jackson, Andrea Davis, John Creager, Carmen Rapp

Opening Devotion: On Indigenous People Day, Bill read excerpts on Native Americans from United Methodist Church Book of Resolutions.

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

**Correspondence:** Jennifer received an announcement from Congregation Shomrei Torah regarding a Zoom meeting October 13 about propositions for the upcoming election.

### **CURRENT BUSINESS:**

Pastor Lori thanked the commission for collecting food for FISH and coin banks on the first Saturday of each month.

#### **Addressing Systemic Racism: John Creager**

John reported that the core group has had several meetings to discern how to present Addressing Systemic Racism to the congregation. There is need to talk and listen to the congregation. How do we do this?

#### **Current Business:**

**Fair Trade Update:** Bill takes the credit card information and Andrea delivers the product. Chocolate sales are up.

#### **Food and Coin Bank Collection – Diane**

Jennifer, Carmen and Andrea took in about 300 pounds of food for FISH and two one-gallon bags of coins from the “Just for the Principle of It” banks.

Diane and Andrea will collect FISH food and coins on November 7th.

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

Peg and Mike Ferrel have been checking the safe parking site and delivering food from Tuesday night Spirit Café. Jennifer and Bill also check the site (Friday). Three residents have been staying on the property and help with security.

#### **Hope City Update – Diane**

Kevin Cox of Hope City submitted a letter regarding use of Susanna Wesley House. Pamala Stephens reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding/Facility Use document. She will rewrite it using both components. It will be submitted to Pastor Lori, the Trustees and for Church Council approval before being returned to Kevin.

#### **FISH Update – Andrea**

FISH is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Many people can be served efficiently because of their wraparound driveway. Diane Jorgensen said 2,500 people were served last month.

The Redwood Empire Food Bank served 68,000 people in 2019, increasing to 137,000 people served this year. They always need volunteers.

### **Special Offerings**

Thanksgiving, November 22 for FISH

Christmas, December 20, for The Living Room and Family Support Center

It was decided to include a church addressed envelope with the letter regarding these offerings. The offering envelope could be placed in the envelope, stamped and mailed. Andrea will give notes on FISH to Pastor Lori for her Thanksgiving letter.

### **What's Happening!**

Reminder of FISH food and coin bank collection on the first Saturday of each month.

Socks and underwear collection for the Homeless Services Center on December 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

Christmas/Hostess gifts of embroidered tea towels available for purchase.

### **Roseleaf Article: November issue**

First Saturday Food collection for FISH – Andrea

Thanksgiving Offering for FISH – Andrea

### **Planning for 2021:**

It was decided to send out the six National Office special offering envelopes together in January before Human Relations Day Special Offering on January 17, 2021. Members could insert these special offering envelopes into their regular offering envelopes by the date of the offering.

### **Special Offering Dates:**

January 17, 2021: Human Relations Day

February: Finance or Community Garden

March 14: UMCOR

April 4: Easter – Katherine Parker, missionary

May:

June 13: Disaster Response Offering

July 18: United Methodist Student Day

August 15: Native American Ministries Day

September 12: Peace with Justice

October 3: World Communion Sunday

November 21: Thanksgiving/FISH

December 19: Christmas/The Living Room and Family Support Center

100 Black Men of Sonoma County has established a Homer Harris Scholarship for Santa Rosa Junior College students. This could be a special offering in February or May.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

**The next meeting is Monday, November 9, 4:00 p.m., via ZOOM.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Carmen Rapp