

Outreach and Service Commission

Monday, November 9, 2020, ZOOM meeting

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

Opening Devotion: Bill read from Chapter 5 of Eugene Peterson's book, "A Long Obedience in the Same Direction".

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved.

Correspondence: None received

Planning for next year: Outreach and Service Planning Calendar for 2021

There will be a special offering for the Community Garden in February. Beds need to be replaced.

The special offering in May could be for Finance Committee or the 100 Black Men of Sonoma County Homer Harris scholarship for students attending Santa Rosa Junior College. Tentatively, we may schedule an Annual Conference Special Offering for Mission in October.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

Fair Trade Update – Bill and Andrea

Orders have been steady.

Food and Coin Bank Collection – Andrea and Jennifer

Saturday was a very successful day gathering food for FISH and coin banks. Bill and Jennifer's Jeep was full of food! More coins for "Just for the Principle of It" than last month!

Collecting in December, including socks, etc.

On December 5, we will be collecting food for FISH, coin banks plus socks and underwear for the Homeless Services Center. There will also be a Mini Bazaar. It is very important that masks be worn and safe distancing be strictly observed with markers on the patio. The UMW bazaar tables will be set up in front of the McMullin Room, Fair Trade table by the office, collection of socks and underwear in front of sanctuary doors and food for FISH and coin banks at the curb.

Assignments: Bill and Jennifer- Fair Trade; UMW Mini Bazaar – Diane; Socks and Underwear – Andrea; FISH food collection and coin banks – Carmen. Diane, Jennifer and Andrea volunteered to collect socks and underwear a second Saturday on December 12.

FISH Update – Andrea

Select logo for Thanksgiving offering envelope

The FISH logo on the return address label was chosen.

Addressing Systemic Racism: John Creager

The consensus is that people are being educated in study groups. The core group will report to the Church Council that work groups exist and all are invited to submit questions. A list of study group opportunities will be prepared for those wishing to join in the study. Pastor Lori suggested that groups submit reports of their study.

Homeless Ministries Taskforce/Safe Parking Update – John

The same people are parking at Stony Point. Andrea is monitoring showers at the YMCA for safe parkers from Stony Point and Christ Church United Methodist. There are 12 people Mondays and Fridays and 10 on Wednesdays.

Hope City Update – Diane

Kevin Cox of Hope City submitted a letter regarding use of Susanna Wesley House. Pamala Stephens has finished rewriting the document. It has been submitted to the Susanna Wesley House Taskforce for approval, then to Trustees and Church Council. The taskforce approved the recommendation but some questions have arisen so it will be reviewed again.

VIM's Steering Committee is discussing providing up to \$25,000 for a sprinkler system and carport for Susanna Wesley House for Hope City and future use of the house.

New Business:

New request for donation -Andrea

Last month, Staff Parish Relations Committee had Staff Recognition. Andrea gifted a bag of mini chocolates for each of the 12 staff members. It was decided to reimburse Andrea's thoughtful gesture.

Special Offerings

Thanksgiving, November 22 for FISH

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

What's Happening!

Weekly information

Be sure to include Addressing Systemic Racism learning opportunities.

Roseleaf Article: December-January issue

Collection of Socks and Underwear December 5 and 12 – Andrea

Christmas Offering for The Living Room and Family Support Center – Diane

First Saturday Food collection for FISH – December and January - Diane

Human Relations Day special offering – Diane

We will be sending 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.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

The next meeting is Monday, JANUARY 11, 2021 at 4:00 p.m., via ZOOM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carmen Rapp