

Outreach and Service Commission

Monday, February 18, 2020

Present: Bill Dornbush, Jennifer Dornbush, Diane Jackson, John Creager, Carmen Rapp

Opening Devotion: Bill read from the book, "*Meeting God in the Ruins*".

Correspondence: Andrea sent a note that 230 pounds of food were collected for F.I.S.H. also Elizabeth reported another 20 pounds collected at Stony Point campus. A letter was received regarding the Congregation Shomrei Torah program, "The End of the American Dream?"

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

Homeless Ministries/Taskforce/ Safe Parking Update – John

Safe Parkers number has not changed. Pastor Lindsey and Peg spoke individually with the Safe Parkers about their goals after their six months in the program. They appreciated the church's interest in their plans.

Gold Coin Motel project – St. Vincent de Paul plans to provide Supportive, Affordable Housing. Interest in providing volunteer opportunities – John, Diane
Brian Gebhart has volunteered to be Construction Supervisor. A General Coordinator is still needed.

Fair Trade Products – Bill

Selling assignments:

February 23: John, Carmen and Jennie

March 1: Diane, Bill and Jenn

March 8: Carmen,

March 15: Jack and Marsha

March 22: Diane,

March 29: John,

Nomadic Shelter Dinner March 20: Diane and Jennifer

Diane suggested a menu of turkey/stuffing casserole, cranberry sauce, two vegetables, roll and dessert. (Usually cakes and cookies in freezer). She will prepare a pasta dish for vegetarians. Snacks to set out before the meal: chips. Diane had saved information from our last Nomadic Shelter Dinner, with suggestions for set-up, serving, clean-up. She will purchase the food and prepare the casseroles the day before the dinner. It was decided to use Fair Trade sales money to purchase food for the dinner. Volunteers will be needed the day of the dinner, beginning at 5:00 p.m. with set-up.

Volunteer Opportunity List – Bill

People are needed to help as site volunteers for the Safe Parking program. There are also opportunities to volunteer with F.I.S.H. Mission Moments may be needed to provide information on these opportunities. Paperback books are needed for the jail and new children's books for the program where inmates read and record a book to send to their children.

VIM/Hope City Update - Diane

VIM will meet Tuesday, February 19 to decide what and when the 2020 project will be. Consensus is to plan to go in September. Possibilities are Paradise, Redding or the Gold Coin Motel project.

Should there be a Sonoma Chanson fundraiser this year?

Work at the house at 1936 San Miguel in Coffey Park is moving slowly. Three people have been hired but are also working on other projects. Windows are in, almost ready to roof. Electric, plumbing, fire sprinkler system will be completed by professionals.

The Susanna Wesley House was checked to be a possible office for Hope City. It is now designated as offices. To become a residence, it will need a carport and sprinkler system.

The Rose Room is being used as a Disaster Response Office for the Conference.

What's Happening: weekly information

“The End of the American Dream?” program – at Congregation Shomrei Torah

Food Collection for F.I.S.H. last Sunday

UMCOR Sunday offering, March 22

Bulletin Board: February 20 and March

“The End of the American Dream?” poster – February 29

UMCOR Sunday special offering – March 22

Diane will display the posters on our bulletin board.

Roseleaf Article:

Diane will submit an article about our Missionary Katherine Parker, the recipient of our Easter Offering,

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

The next meeting is Monday, March 16, 4:00 p.m., in the Carriage House.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen Rapp