

Outreach and Service Commission

Monday, June 15, 2020 Zoom Meeting

Present: Bill Dornbush, Jennifer Dornbush, Lindsey Bell-Kerr, Diane Jackson, Andrea Davis, John Creager, Jennie Hartman, Carmen Rapp

Opening Devotion: Bill read from *The Message* a devotion from Matthew 8.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

Staff Update: Lindsey

The Staff is concerned with managing the facilities and talking about protocols. We are a long way from worshipping in the sanctuary. People are engaging in service, primarily Spirit Café.

Questions from Discernment Team:

1. What ideas do you have to help the church connect with people?

UMW has begun a Friendship phone chain with each circle calling members.

The pastors have established a call list of 17 groups of 3 to 9 people. The caller phones each person during the week. A conversation starter is suggested. This week there are 2 questions from the Discernment Team. Each week the lists are rotated with a new caller.

People have begun small group gatherings at their home such as: "Curbside Coffee".

2. How might we experiment during this time as means of reaching people?

A suggestion of having more frequent email blasts (What's Happening?) perhaps daily?

3. What has worked in the past 2-3 months? What hasn't worked?

Phone calls have been well received. "What's Happening" email blasts. Working with Christ Church and learning more about their congregation. The Pentecost Party on YouTube was great! People really miss the MUSIC! No fun to sing by yourself.

4. How can we enrich our ministry during this time?

More people involved

5. How can we move beyond seeing *church as a place we go to a community to which we belong?*

O&S reaches out to the community by working with FISH, the Redwood Empire Food Bank, Homeless Ministries, The Living Room, Safe Parking, Community Garden.

Fair Trade Update - Bill

People order Fair Trade products online. Bill secures credit card payment. Andrea packs and picks up orders at the church and delivers them. We have been selling \$50 to \$90 per week with 3 to 5 orders.

Back-to-School Collections – Diane

The last two weekends of July we will have curbside drop-off of back-to-school supplies at the Montgomery campus.

Marcy Clausen from The Living Room will pick up the supplies.

Saturday, July 18: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.: Jenn

Sunday, July 19: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.: Diane

Saturday, July 25: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.: Andrea

Sunday, July 26: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.: Carmen

The Commission also decided to include a food for FISH drop-off at the same time. Items should be placed in a bag or box so they can be taken from the trunk.

Homeless Ministries Taskforce/Safe Parking – John

Two cars are in Safe Parking now.

Special Offerings Schedule – Jennifer

The Katherine Parker special offering will be received the first Sunday in September.

Hope City Update – Diane

More people will be hired to finish the home being built on San Miguel in Coffey Park.

A group from Sebastopol will begin work in Redding in September.

The VIM tool trailer has been broken into and will be moved to the Stony Point parking lot where there is a video camera.

Community Garden/FISH Update – Jennifer

Vegetables are coming in.

Curbside collection of food for FISH will be July 18-19 and 25-26 at the Montgomery campus.

What's Happening: weekly information

Collection of Back-to-School supplies for The Living Room. Diane will write an announcement for What's Happening email blast and for the Roseleaf.

Roseleaf Article: July/August issue

Back-to-School collection – Diane

Offering to support missionary, Katherine Parker ?

PG&E will be storing some vehicles at the Stony Point campus and will trim our eucalyptus trees on that property.

Next Meeting Schedule: August 10,

This was Lindsey's last meeting as our staff representative. We thank her for her dedication to our commission and its work in the church and community. We will miss her!

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

The next meeting is Monday, August 10, 4:00 p.m., by ZOOM or the Carriage House.

Respectfully submitted,
Carmen Rapp