

Outreach & Service Commission
(Education, Justice, & Action)
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2018 - 3:00 p.m.

Attendees: Bill Dornbush, Jennifer Dornbush, Diane Jackson, Carmen Rapp, John Creager, Andrea Davis, Lindsey Bell-Kerr, Lori Sawdon, Sam Cox, Jennielynn Holmes

Opening Devotion: Bill read from Romans 12 and HCRN Thinking Long Term

Correspondence: Brochure from COTS- having breakfast and fund raiser

Approval of Minutes: Approved as corrected

CURRENT BUSINESS:

Fair Trade Products - Bill

Idea from Oakmont: go to others' houses and give them candy, a reverse trick or treat

Selling assignments

- Oct. 28 - Marsha and Jack Dupre
- Nov. 4 - Diane
- Nov. 11 - Carmen
- Nov. 18 - Marsha and Jack Dupre
- Nov. 25 – John and Jennie
- Dec. 2 – Diane, Carmen
- Dec. 9 - Andrea

O&S Planning for 2019

We developed our planning calendar for 2019, see attached

We added a space for Reconciling Ministries to do a special offering in February. John will check with them to confirm they want to do this, and what the offering would be and when.

We brainstormed some ideas for fifth Sunday service: bake cookies, participate in other church activities, hand out sandwiches through Nabu warming table

Homeless Ministries Taskforce/Safe Parking Update – John. Sebastopol Community Church will begin safe parking next week, and Christ Church is also considering starting. We have 4-5 cars just about every night. With twice daily visits by our volunteers, we are able to help keep the Stony Point property locked and we reduce trash.

Minute for Outreach – Bill – asked for input on a possible VIM speaker. Larry Wolford was suggested and Bill will contact him.

Bulletin Board:

November - Thanksgiving Offering for FISH – Jennifer.

December - Andrea will do one for socks and underwear after Thanksgiving.

Roseleaf Articles for December:

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

Socks and underwear - Carmen

Guest Speaker Jennielynn Holmes, Catholic Charities

She and Lori Sawdon and Sam Cox joined us. Our safe parking program is a model for others starting their own program, using coordinated entry who refer safe parking participants to us. Jennielynn reviewed Catholic Charities programs, shift to housing first philosophy, goal to have more housing beds than emergency shelter beds. Outreach and engagement, the front door, coordinated entry. HOST street outreach team. Drop in center. Conservation crew. Dignity of work. Shower trailer, partner for health services; Emergency shelters 3: family support center, Sam Jones hall 213 beds for single, Nightingale for those discharged from a hospital while recuperating and no home, 26 beds. Case Worker at Memorial to help with discharge planning. Housing programs: case management includes specialized: find housing, housing navigators in shelters, housing stabilizers to keep them there including employment help. Rapid rehousing subsidize rent. For those displaced by wildfire. Permanent supportive housing. eg Palms Inn for veterans and chronically homeless. 104 units. CC trying to redevelop a city block, Caritas House, including 127 units on their existing property. Housing placement and retention.

She is looking at providing a case worker at our Tuesday night dinners.

Share Sonoma County tries to match people with a room and one who needs it, sometimes by pairing roommates.

Where would we refer people we find sleeping at our campus? Not currently, best advice is to stay in smaller groups.

We can help find more Palms Inns, and advocate for Caritas.

We suggested a seminar on How to support our position at city council and county supervisors. Jennielynn would help with that.

Jennielynn suggested that OS and HMTF come see Caritas plans and space.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, Dec. 12, 4 PM in the Carriage House

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Dornbush