

Outreach and Service Commission

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

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

Opening Devotion: Bill read from Philip Yancey's book, "What's So Amazing About Grace?", and John 1:14-18 from NRSV and *The Message*.

Correspondence: The Pride Parade is Saturday, June 1st. All are encouraged to participate. Habitat for Humanity is celebrating its 35th anniversary by dedicating new homes for families who lost their homes in the wildfire. A summer move-in is planned for 1 to 2 bedroom Sonoma Wildfire Cottages built at Medtronics.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved as corrected.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

Fair Trade Products – Bill

Selling assignments:

May 26: Diane, Carmen

June 2: John,

June 9: Andrea,

June 16: Jack and Marsha Dupre

June 23: Bill and Jennifer

June 30: Diane, Carmen

VIM Update – Diane

Twenty-two people have signed up to travel to Redding to help rebuild homes destroyed in last year's Carr Fire. Our Chanson concert receipts of \$1,234.49 will be given to Hope City construction agency, which is now working in five locations: Lake, Mendocino, Shasta, Butte and Sonoma Counties. Diane has been contacted by Mendocino County United Methodist Church which is working with Hope City there. The City of Santa Rosa has approved the construction of three homes behind Cardinal Newman High School.

Paul Jeffrey Itineration - Jennifer

Paul's retirement visit on Tuesday, May 21 was attended by about forty people. Outreach and Service provided a sheetcake to celebrate the occasion. Our new missionary, Katherine Parker, will visit Christ Church United Methodist on Wednesday, July 31.

Homeless Ministries Taskforce/Safe Parking Update - John

John reported that we have had nine cars with ten people. The Sunday School children prepared a breakfast for our Safe Parkers, banana chocolate chip muffins and a bacon and broccoli quiche. They were given gratitude cards from the parkers.

Lindsey reminded us of the meeting next Tuesday, May 28, 7:15 p.m. in Fields' Fellowship Hall, when she and Lori will offer an update on the UMC direction after the special conference meeting. They will be sharing information regarding the California/Nevada Conference in June.

Church Council -Diane and Andrea

Lindsey will be on Sabbath July through September. California/Nevada Conference is June 9. The United Methodist Church has adopted a policy for the protection of children and youth involved in its ministries and for the protection of workers against frivolous accusations. This policy is called "Safe Sanctuary". Pastor Lori encouraged all to be aware of this policy. Applications are online. "Growing Young" is a program begun by Pasadena UMC. There is a grant available for this program to encourage young people to come to church. Lori and Elizabeth are on the committee.

Information from Marsha Dupre: Jennifer shared information about the CalVIP Program funding, programs to prevent gun violence.

John Creager spoke of the Interfaith Council of Sonoma County campaign titled "Sonoma County—United in Kindness", to unify our community in a desire to build good will, harmony and kindness. Outreach and Service voted to endorse this campaign.

Bulletin Board:

June: VIM pictures and trip information

Andrea will prepare the Back to School bulletin board, which will include the UM Student Day Offering.

Roseleaf Articles for July-August issue

Missionary Katherine Parker visit, July 31- Jennifer

UM Student Day offering, July 17 – Bill

Back to School – Diane

Native American Offering - Carmen

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

The next meeting is Wednesday, June 26, 4:00 p.m. in the Carriage House.

Respectfully submitted,
Carmen Rapp