

Outreach & Service Commission

(Education, Justice, & Action)

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2019 - 4:00 p.m.

Attendees: Jennifer, Bill, Diane, Mike, John, Lindsey

Opening Devotion: Bill read from Martin Luther King's sermon "A Time to Break Silence"

Correspondence: none

Approval of Minutes: approved as distributed.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

Veterinary Care for the Homeless - Lindsey has discussed with Dr. Joel Blumberg, Homeless with Pets. He wants to do a clinic monthly probably Thursday at Stony Point. Lindsey will go to HMTF to find someone to shepherd this through. We would need someone from the church to be present. Some future time, we may extend to Tuesday night.

Homeless Ministries Taskforce/Safe Parking Update – John: we have 8 cars regularly. We have been fine tuning the portable toilet maintenance. The two other Safe Parking sites are gradually increasing the number of cars.

FISH Food Collection – Jennifer, we have prepared 150 bags to distribute. The bulletin board has been put up.

Bag Distribution: Jenn asked Mike to take 50 bags to Stony Point. Lindsey will check with Lori on an announcement. We need people to hand out bags at Montgomery (Diane and John) and Stony Point (Mike).

Collection and Delivery: Jenn will call Dian Jorgensen to arrange for FISH to be open. She and Bill will deliver bags from Montgomery, and Mike will call Bill to let him know how many bags are at Stony Point.

Fair Trade Products - Bill

Selling assignments

- Jan. 27 – Jenn 10:30, Diane 9-9:30
- Feb. 3 - Diane
- Feb. 10 - Andrea and Linda
- Feb. 17 - Jack and Marsha Dupre
- Feb. 24 – John

O&S Planning Calendar for 2019

May 5 at 4 pm – Sonoma Chanson and others fund raising

No Movies in Q1

Reconciling Ministries, Lindsey will check with Bob and Shirley on the date

Mike will check with Finance about using May for the Annual Conference offering.

Lindsey will check with Paul Jeffery about when he might visit us for a combined FUMC/Christ Church meeting.

VIM Update - Diane

Dates and location of 2019 VIM trip are October 13-25, 2019 probably to Redding, staying at Simpson Bible College, with Middletown as a backup plan. Hope City is working now in Lake, Sonoma, Mendocino, Redding, and soon Paradise. There will probably be housing at Salvation Army on Stony Point Circle. People can volunteer as day workers in Sonoma County. In Mendocino, they have a modular home for housing. In

Paradise, plans are not yet settled.

Special Offering for Hope City, Wildfire Recovery in Northern California – Diane would like to use our June offering for Hope City.

We have a tool trailer here. San Ramon wants to provide tools for the trailer, and we will lend it to Hope City for their use in Sonoma County.

Bulletin Board:

February - after 1st Sunday, Reconciling Ministries information. Jenn will contact Bob/ Shirley Cheal about their use in February.

Roseleaf Articles for March Issue:

UMCOR Sunday Special Offering – Diane will do this and will include save the dates for VIM.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, Feb. 27, 4 PM in the Carriage House

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Dornbush