

Worthington UMC
Outreach Committee Minutes
January 12, 2010

Present were: Barry Bennett, Dan Birmingham, Elaine Dangler, Dave Hadley, Dana Hehmeyer, Holly Kapus, Jerry Knorr, Russ Line, Nancy Pine, Ed Shaffer, Cathy Taylor, Debbie Varble, Aura Whittaker and Amy Wingerter.

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the December 8 meeting.

Co-chairperson Ed Shaffer passed to each member a copy of the Outreach mission and goals statement and a brochure listing Outreach ministries. The mission and goals statement was originally created by Outreach at the request of the Administrative Council. A revision of the brochure is being made and will soon be published according to co-chair Aura Whittaker.

A roster of current Outreach members was circulated by Aura. A revision will be emailed by Aura if necessary.

Outreach is responsible for the Sunday morning Coffee Hours on January 17 and 24. The signup sheets for volunteers was passed around by Aura. Only two more are needed.

Aura indicated that 176 boxes of food were donated for the Bethlehem on Broad Street program. A number of volunteers worked from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Broad Street church on December 19 to help with the distribution of the boxes to the recipients.

According to Ed, Kendra Nicastro, chairperson of the Blankets for Faith Mission program, indicated that 50 blankets have already been delivered.

The Bags of Blessing ministry is in the YWCA Family Center mode for the January collection. Volunteers will be needed on the 31st to sort items from the bags and to place the items in boxes for transport to the Center. The sorting will take place at noon after the 11 o'clock service.

New Life United Methodist Church will be the recipient for the February collection. Debbie Varble will find out the items needed at New Life and a list of these items will be placed in the bags. Aura will do the same for the March collection benefiting the United Methodist Children's Home.

Dana Hehmeyer reported that 46 prospective donors have signed up for the January 14 Blood Drive for which she has almost enough volunteers to work.

WUMC is also scheduled to serve dinner at the YWCA Family Center on the 31st. Cathy Taylor who is in charge reported that we will cook the dinner ourselves. Sloppy Joes and macaroni and cheese or tater tots are on the menu. Cathy also said the cost of the dinner will be \$369 plus the cost of the milk and lemonade. We will ask for brownies to be donated for the dessert. Those helping to cook will leave the church at 3:30 and those helping to serve will leave at 4:30.

Dana reported that the New Life Health and Wellness clinic continues to do well. Dana added that the house next door to the church which will serve as the permanent home for the Clinic is almost ready. A cleanup day in the house was recently held.

Russ Line indicated that he and Ken Evans have been framing in glass block windows at the Thurman Avenue UMC where Jay Moyers is the pastor. Russ added that six people have indicated a desire to do the Bayou Le Batre trip from February 14 to 21 and that work on remodeling the bathrooms in the Downs Street parsonage continues.

Aura indicated that in December the Worthington Food Pantry served 45 families and a total of 184 people and distributed 100 food boxes. This brought the 2009 total to 221 families served and a total of 800 people and distributed 450 boxes of food from the United Methodist Children's Home location. Ed added that the Pantry is gearing up to allow people to come to the Pantry to shop for the items they need.

In the CRIS program Ed reported that we are looking to sponsor another Iraqi family beginning in April. John Wolters will continue to provide the leadership for the program.

Barry Bennett said that Habitat for Humanity was \$3500 short in closing on the latest home built in 2009. However, a contribution of \$2740 from the Second Mile Giving program at WUMC, Barry added, came close to covering the deficit.

A "Helping Hands" ministry is being proposed whereby volunteers would go to the home of senior citizens to provide help with a project. Jerry Knorr and Russ Line will leadership for the program. According to Russ, it is hoped that the Caring Committee and our pastors will help find deserving seniors to receive help. Russ added that we will start by helping seniors in our own church, then perhaps expand the aid to people in the community. A meeting will be held to determine interest of volunteers who would be willing to provide the aid.

Aura talked about the Second Mile Giving program saying that Outreach determines the charities that will receive funds. She passed out a financial report, but indicated that more information about the report is needed.

Cathy volunteered to help committee members with the Messenger and Sunday morning bulletin deadlines. We still have the Outreach Corner in the Messenger each month.

The committee unanimously agreed to contribute \$250 so that Dave Hoffman can participate in the West Ohio Conference Connectional Ministries trip to the North Katanga Province in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in Africa from April 17 to April 30 of this year. During this trip Dave will participate with other Capitol Area North District and West Ohio volunteers which includes CAN district superintendent Marcus Atha. They will work to strengthen the West Ohio mission partnership with people in the North Katanga Province and the Republic of the Congo.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9: devotions at 7:15, meeting 7:30.