

Outreach Meeting, March 8, 2021 Minutes

Zoom Meeting

Present: Donna Hess, Georgeanne Hoover, Terri Silver, Renee LaCombe, David Owen, Linnea Ray, Megan Snyder, Jeff Roeger, Martha Williams

Donna opened with a prayer at 7:00pm.

FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES. Terri volunteered to be our liaison with Family and Community Services. Donna will give her the contact info of Janel England, the marketing person at F&CS.

FIVE FOR FIVE. Not many congregations are Five for Five....we should be very proud that we are. One Great Hour of Sharing is this Sunday. The box of envelopes, poster, etc. for OGHS arrived at the church last week. Donna will talk to Leah about putting something on the website and/or Facebook page (e.g. the OGHS poster or a link to this year's OGHS video). The next Five for Five collection is Strengthen the Church, in June.

HABITAT UPDATE. Linnea shared that the Habitat house is on track to be finished in late April. They're working on flooring now; still need to do trim and paint the garage.

COUNCIL.

Donna reported that Council approved seeking a new PPP loan, assuming Congress approves another round. Jeff said because the amount would exceed \$25,000, he would seek Congregational approval through a special Congregational meeting before applying for another PPP loan.

The sanctuary lighting project is moving forward. Work should begin in late April and should be done by the end of May.

Council celebrated the fact that Sophia Hayden is going to seminary in Colorado to study to become a UCC minister.

On March 22 Nayiri will be meeting with Council to discuss the proposed new structure of church governance. Council will meet and discuss on March 23. If you have any questions about the proposed new structure, please submit questions to Barb Hanniford, who will then send all questions to Nayiri.

EASTER BASKETS FOR KENT SOCIAL SERVICES. Info has been in Messenger and on KUCC Facebook page (what they need, where and when to drop off). So far this has been going well.

BEN CURTIS SUMMER PROGRAM...BIRDIE BAGS. Our church will be a distribution point for Birdie Bags for the Kent City School District this summer. The bags will be delivered to the church in huge bins, and we will distribute them to families. This will require about 4 people for a two hour shift every week to distribute the bags. Linnea will work out a time that works well for the church. She will give us more details at our next meeting.

KING KENNEDY GYM

For 50 years they've been trying to build a gym. Funding might be in jeopardy...do we want to initiate something working with other churches to raise funds for them? No decision was made.

NEW DONATIONS:

HARTVILLE MIGRANT MINISTRIES. Workers generally arrive in April. They are currently collecting money for Welcome Bags for the workers and their families. We agreed to send them \$500.

KENT SOCIAL SERVICES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN. We agreed to send \$1,000.

KENT INTERFAITH COUNCIL FOR RACIAL JUSTICE. They need money for programming. We agreed to send them \$250.

CONCERNS ABOUT ENGAGE PLATFORM AS A GIVING PORTAL.

We discussed concerns that the Engage platform is not very user friendly and difficult for people to give to special offerings like OGHS, and that the church might be missing out on donations. Jeff is also concerned and he is looking into problems with Engage and looking for solutions.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Martha Williams

Next meeting, Monday, April 12, 7 pm.