

## **Outreach Ministry Minutes**

Jan. 14, 2008

Meeting was held at Judy French's beautiful home. Present were Rev. Jim Fellers, Patty McClintok, Rich Mueller, Judy French, Hazel Summers, Sara Powers, Daryl Monk.

Appointment of Chairperson was first order of business. After some discussion, Judy French volunteered to serve for a year☺. Daryl Monk volunteered to do minutes for this meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Special Offerings**

Summary of Special Offerings prepared by church bookkeeper, Robin. It was also noted that the Pastoral Counseling Center received an additional \$500 from a letter sent out by the church on behalf of the PCC to try to raise the remainder of the \$1500 pledged by the church (\$840 was raised by the Special Offering month). A shortfall of \$160 was made up by monies from the 2007 Outreach Committee's budget.

#### **Alternative Christmas**

This year's Alternative Christmas giving was \$375 toward CAAIR, \$830 to Heifer Project and \$180 to South Corvallis Food Bank for a total of \$1385.

#### **Vina Moses Food Box Work Day**

Patty reported that the work was all done before the scheduled work party was to start. Twelve people signed up including children. It was disappointing to cancel this work party, but was necessitated due to a lack of enough food to sort into boxes ☹.

#### **Men's Homeless Shelter**

Sign up now for our church's week of Jan. 20-26. Contact Kris Graves or signup at church office.

#### **Donation to Conference Hispanic Ministries**

Rich said nothing to report.

#### **Special Offerings for 2008**

The special offerings list will be put into the Newsletter. This offering is above & beyond the normal operating budget. The date of the special offering is just when a special speaker, etc. will be presented, but the giving can be made throughout the month. An explanation of the month's offering will be included in the Newsletter prior to the specified date. Daryl will write something about "helping families learn about the offering plate" and use our family's idea of putting something in the plate each week. (Due week of Feb. 1).

**Human Relations Day, Jan. 20.** This one took us by surprise! Office will put envelopes into bulletins.

**Student Sunday, Feb. 10** (note change). Patty will make the pitch to contribute at 11am. Judy will speak at 8:30am and Sara at 6pm. West-M students will be present & will speak about the program.

**Pastoral Counseling Center.** Church Council/Steering Committee voted to increase 2008 offering to \$2000 as it had not been increased for many years. Discussion ensued about what it means if the offering was not achieved (who is responsible for achieving this goal? About raising the goal?) Report from Judy via email said that Ken's response seems to be that it is up to our team to do a stronger presentation or plan a separate fund raiser! So This will be a big topic next meeting: how we plan our presentations and what are our \$ goals for each.

Ann Marek is now serving on the PCC board.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Apostles Build.**

Habitat for Humanity – we met our goal of \$5000. Eight different churches in area to provide funding. A big thanks for Ken Kramer for heading up this task!

#### **Recruiting New Members.**

Everyone is encouraged to bring one new person to the meeting who might be interested in serving on the Outreach Ministry Team.

#### **Discussion of Objectives & Strategies.**

Daryl is going to New Orleans with a Ore-Id team with 3 others from Corvallis UMC (Elizabeth Nielsen, Lloyd & Susan Westcott) on April 2 to 9, 2008.

We need better publicity for upcoming VIM projects. (Rich had not heard about the New Orleans trip. Perhaps more articles in the Newsletter and/or a poster in the church lobby area?)

We had a small discussion about what things the Outreach Committee could do to help the VIM team. Each person's share is \$1000. Someone suggessted a Mardi Gras dinner/dessert. The VIM team has talked a bit about fundraising ideas (buy a share, prayer partners, etc.), but nothing concrete. <Editorial note: Mardi Gras is coming awful early this year, so the timing may be a bit early. Plus we don't want to conflict with the Valentine's dinner supporting the Youth Mission Trip (Fri. Feb. 15). Perhaps something in March? Something not-too-large? Later discussions with some members of the Corvallis team indicated a prayer- and financial-partner would be best. More later.>

Next meeting: Monday, Feb. 11 @ 12:30pm in the Roundtable room of the church.