

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 8, 2010
MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Shelley Heiden (Co-chair) Bev Harris, Deb Wise,
Barbara Dreilbelbis, Beth Rose, Sally Greenlee, Jane Woolfington, Lynette Espich

The meeting opened with Bev Harris reading the devotion and Shelley Heiden sharing a prayer.

January Meeting Minutes were presented. Beth Rose made a motion to approve Jan minutes, Deb Wise seconded the motion, it was voted on and were approved.

Shelley asked committee members to prayerfully consider helping as Co-chair on this committee, she would prefer not to chair the committee alone.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Biblesticks - It was reported thanks to Dean asking for soldier's addresses in a church wide email we were able to send 14 letters to our soldiers honoring them by giving a Biblestick to other soldiers.
- B. Krogers-Martins Certificates, Jane Woolfington sent sign up sheet. It was decided we would go sell every other week except Easter Sunday. Jane will type up a schedule and give to Shannon so book will be in sanctuary appropriate Sundays. Beth Rose reported we have purchased Martins coupons and will purchase Kroger certificates at \$750. That left \$800 balance in the checkbook, there was conversation about how much to give back to the Social Concerns fund. Bev Harris made the motion to take \$800 from the Food certificate check book and give to funds we can allocate to those in need. Sally Greenlee seconded the motion, it was voted on and passed.
- C. Christmas Eve Donations - Shelley Heiden reported the Christmas Eve donations did funnel through the Social Concerns account \$787. each to Care/Share and The Heminger House.
- D. Christmas Clothesline - More 'thank you' cards were received and passed around for members to see. Some were written in Spanish and were translated for us.
- E. January Expenses - it was reported the total was \$1,268.05
- F. Guest speaker, Ken Brace, Director of Care & Share visited our church at both services, Jan 24, he was excellent. Shelley purchased 2 gift plaques for Ken Brace & Sarah Hendrix. These were \$13.33 each, total \$28.54 Shelley asked if she could be reimbursed for this purchase. The members voted on it and the vote was approved.
- G. The MCNC January Newsletter was passed around, there was talk about how successful the Dancing with the Stars was Feb. 6th
- H. Shelley shared that Velma Butler doesn't want to remain on the committee. She is still helping the family in Argos with support and council. Mary S. is divorced, she has possibility of a good job as hotel manager, but would move to Lafayette. Pray for Velma as this does drain her.

FEB MINUTES, cont.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Bev Harris thanked the committee for cards and flowers after her surgery.

Sally Greenlee thanked the committee as well for their support the last couple of months.

A. Little Friends Pre-School - Michelle Faulstitch sent 3 student pictures that we support with scholarships. Michelle Faulstitch was very appreciative of our continued support.

B. Sarah Hendrix from MCNC will visit Feb. 14th at both services. We will have a card available for the congregation to sign as "Thank you" to her. There was a reminder we would like to fill the grocery cart overflowing the day she is here. Bev Harris volunteered to introduce her, thank her & give gift at the early services. Shelley Heiden will do it at the 2nd service. Bev Harris shared MCNC has coupons as fund raisers at area restaurants. Will see if Sarah wants to share those Sunday.

C. Care & Share Annual Fund Raiser - Feb. 23rd at Pretty Lake Trinity UM Church.

We received a letter with tickets asking us to sell 10 tickets to this event.

D. Care & Share Update (from Ken Brace)

2008 we served 1242 individuals in 425 households.

2009 we served 2356 individuals in 976 households.

The numbers almost doubled. In 2010, since the unemployment rate is close to 12% in Marshall County, I believe we will be helping more "qualified" individuals and house holds this year. Thank you again for your tremendous compassion and mercy.

Number of Project Vouchers paid: 31 Total amount paid: \$3,069.82

Served: 40 families 147 individuals

Care & Share still needs volunteers! Please call (574)941-2273; or come by our office at the Marshall County Neighborhood Center; 402 West Garro Street.

E. Member requested assistance - Mary S. (Argos) through Velma asked for financial help to have her car fixed at Oliver Ford - \$299. (any amount will help, Velma pick up balance)

F. It was reported contributions in January were \$607.35

The current balance is \$1,531.09

There was conversation about what contributions could be made. It was decided by the committee the following donations would be made for February;

Member Assistance \$ 150 to help Mary S. with the car repair

Care & Share Assistance \$ 303.50

Care & Share Salary \$150

Laundry Vouchers \$234

Little Friend Scholarship \$160

Total paid out \$997.50

The committee looked at what contributions could be expected to replenish the fund in March. The \$800 transfer from Kroger/Martin certificate sales & \$366.75 in basket donations.

G. There was no other new business. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Next meeting March 8th, 2010