

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

AUGUST 11, 2010

MINUTES

Committee Members Present : Shelley Heiden (Co-chair) Linda Atkins, Bev Harris,
Belle Henry, Mary Yates, Sally Greenlee

Meeting started at 6:30 with

- Michelle Faulstich from Little Friends PreSchool gave us an update on the children we gave scholarships to last year. The twin boys will be 5 and had improved tremendously with language skills, sharing and socially from being in pre-school last year. She believes she can help them prepare even more for kindergarten if they can return. She had request for the twins and from another family 4yr old girl.
- Shelley shared the devotion & prayer
- Mail from the past 3 months was shared, 'Thank You' from Heminger House. Marshall County Neighborhood Center started the "Learning for Life" program to stop the cycle of situational and generational poverty. Asking for \$500 from area churches.
- May Minutes, the June and July reports were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Kroger/ Martins Certificates, Beth had purchased, we have certificates.
Jane Woolfington had to make calls to cover selling some Sundays.
- Groceries for Food Pantry - very little coming in
Mary Yates volunteered to take groceries from cart - MCNC Food Pantry/Thursday.
ASK youth may help us with food collection. Julie Stauffer, leader will present to her board late August and get back to us.
- Laundry voucher program now has a maximum total at \$250 at Country Charm Cleaners.
- Care & Share Report- Bev Harris is our representative, she has been to one meeting, and they are looking for fund raising ideas, possibly in Feb.

NEW BUSINESS

- Little Friends Pre-School - after conversation the decision was made to pay for the twins scholarships at \$105 per month when we have the funds.
- Christmas Clothesline - Proposed Calendar - Beth is having hip replacement surgery in Sept., so we will have her turn over all the Clothesline items. Bev will talk to her.
 - Letters Out to school counselors - week of Oct 4th
 - Names back to Beth Rose - November 1st
 - Christmas Clothesline Up - Nov. 28th, Dec. 5th
 - All packages returned by Sunday - Dec.12th
- It was agreed we would invite Ken Brace/Care & Share (Jan) Sarah Hendrix/MCNC (Feb) and Karen Barden or Casey Martin (Sept) from the Five Star Program to speak at our church.
- Care & Share Report
 - Desperately needs - volunteers, Tue, Wed, Fri 1:00-4:00, paperwork & interview
 - Assisted 20 families with FEMA money, spent \$8,885 of the \$11,000 waiting for 2nd payment before anymore can be given, 17 applications waiting now.
 - 6 interview sessions July, 68 families seen, 296 individuals served, \$
- Food Pantry Report - need clothing tuperware, vacuum, coat hanger rack, weed wacker and food items. Will also want costumes for Halloween, this will be the first Free Halloween costume give away.
- Heminger House Report - needs Walmart gift cards for women's medication and Krogers and Martins certificates for food. They are waiting for grant money.
- Contributions in July \$ 382.10
Previous balance \$1017.40
Expenses paid \$ 514.
Current balance \$ 685.50
- Financial - Expenses to be paid this month, Shannon will be given this information.
Care & Share Assistance \$181. Care & Share Salary \$ 50.
Laundry Vouchers \$102. Little Friend Scholarship \$105.
- Still looking for a Co-chair or Secretary to help with this committee...
- Meeting ended at 7:40
- NEXT meeting Monday, Sept 13th, 2010 - Submitted by Shelley Heiden