

Social Concerns Committee
January 11, 2010

M I N U T E S

Members Present: Shelley Heiden (Co-chair) Beth Rose, Wanda Dixon, Jane Woolfington, Lynette Espich

Shelley began with prayer and started a devotion where all members read a part of it.

December Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Sally Greenlee has stepped down as co-chair, need another co-chair to work with Shelley.
We welcomed Lynette Espich to our committee, and Velma Butler is back on the committee.
Deb Wise called, she will not be able to attend because of a broken wrist.

Old Business

- A. Biblestick letters to soldiers - we were able to secure 9 addresses, 9 letters sent of the 20 total.
 - Dean Fager helped us by sending a request email for addresses to the congregation.
- B. Krogers-Martins Coupons
 - Velma gave us Martins certificates (\$12) that will be given to the Food Pantry
 - There was conversation about selling certificates more often. The decision was made to sell coupons every other week (except Nov/Dec - sell every Sunday).
 - Jane Woolfington sent sign up sheet around
 - Beth Rose reported we need to purchase Martins Coupons (\$3,000 at one time).
 - Will determine how much can go to account after Martins coupons are purchased.
- C. Christmas Clothesline - We reported we did it. 333 gifts. Two thank you notes were posted In Jan. newsletter. Beth gave us 11 other thank you cards, one written in Spanish and translated for us, we will try and have some in the Feb. newsletter.
 - A press release w/ Barbie Pickut's photo was sent to the Plymouth Pilot. Not seen yet.
 - Thank you to all, especially Beth, Jane who sorted and coordinated.
Thank you to Jane and Wanda for extra shopping, Mike W. and Bob W. for helping.
 - \$425 was collected from congregation to purchase gifts, great idea to help us complete this.
 - An additional \$300 was used from our account to purchase gifts.
 - Beth shared we could have bought for some more, several people followed up and offered to purchase more. Great congregation.
- D. We normally receive Christmas Eve donations, we did not this year. Church Council gave
 - \$787. to each group; Care & Share and Heminger House.
 - After a conversation with Dean, we learned that money will run through SC.
- E. December expenses were \$2,859.25
- F. 2009 Year-end report (additional page) (\$1,574 from Christmas Eve will be added to total)
 - 2009 Detailed Fund Activity Report from Shannon (additional page)
- G. Any other old business
 - Church Council asked all committees to cut their budgets. We received no money in '09 from church budget.
 - Care & Share Report
 - 49 families (209 persons) interviewed. 18 vouchers written, total \$2,865.31
 - FEMA rental assistance - \$0.00 balance. From 6/1 - 12/31 \$22,007 written
 - FEMA utility assistance - \$0.00 balance. From 9/1 - 12/31 \$5,389 (33 vouchers pd)
 - Heminger House Report - Grant money came in, need prayers volunteers, financial support.

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New Business -

- A. Little Friends Pre-School - Michelle Faulstitch visited and reported on the progress of the school.
She introduced us to the 3 scholarship kids, all 4 yrs old. These 3 are still in need for the second half of the school year. To cover the scholarship for all 3 it would be \$160 per month.
Wanda Dixon made the motion to continue the scholarship through May, but pay on a monthly basis. Beth Rose seconded the motion, the vote was taken and approved.
- B. Ken Brace from Care & Share will visit at both services at church on Jan. 24th
- C. Sarah Hendrix from MCNC will visit at both services at church on Feb. 14th
Will give her a Valentine 'Thank you' card and hopefully fill our grocery cart with food.
- D. Contributions in December were \$35. (+ \$1,574. from Christmas Eve donation)
Member assistance needed for rent (\$500. already taken out).
- E. The current balance is \$1,726.80
Discussion about what could be paid out, and the following was agreed upon;
Care & Share Assistance \$0 (Christmas eve donation was \$787.)
Care & Share Salary \$100
Laundry Vouchers \$270
Little Friend Scholarship \$160 Total for January \$ 530
- F. Newsletter - there was conversation about what should be in our article in February.
- 'Congratulations' to the congregation on completion of the Christmas Clothesline gifts.
 - Share some more 'thank you' cards from the recipients of the Clothesline.
 - Report of the year end financials
Our records recorded two parts (old checkbook Jan.-Mar., new checkbook Mar.-Dec.)
 - Request donations - funds are down, (we went through \$3,359 in last 5 weeks)
 - Share Martins & Kroger certificates will be sold every other week. Because both reward programs are only at 3%, we don't know how much we will be able to give back to the community fund.
 - We will host 2 guests, Ken Brace and Sarah Hendrichs at church.
Challenge to fill the grocery basket Feb. 14th when Sarah from MCNC is there.
- G. Any other new business
- Our regular donations from basket collected the first of each month (Jan. 3rd was not taken)
Dean will pass the basket the 4th week in Jan. and again the first of Feb. to make up.
 - Lynettes asked if the committee does any fundraisers? We shared not yet, but it is a possibility. She has a past in fundraising, may consider something in the future.

Next meeting Feb. 9th, 2010