

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE
MAY 10, 2010
MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Shelley Heiden (Co-chair) Belle Henry, Mary Yates, Jane Woolfington

Shelley Heiden opened the meeting with a devotion - Feed Each Other & then a prayer.

April Meeting Minutes were reviewed, Jane Woolfington moved to approve, Belle Henry seconded the motion. Members present voted and minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Krogers-Martins Certificates - Jane Woolfington reported for Beth, she will be buying certificates from both stores and Mary Yates said she would cover selling certificates this Sunday early service.
- B. Rebuilding Together Event was reviewed - We only packed 75 lunches (due to weather), balance of food was taken to Heminger House. Follow-up email was sent to Dean, recommend changes for next year - napkins, more sandwich bags, larger brown paper bags and cheese slices. There was a question why not celery and carrots. Shelley thanked Mary Yates, Belle Henry for running errands & purchasing items we thought were needed.
- C. It was shared that Audits were filled out for both Social Concerns checking accounts (typically done in Feb each year). The grocery store certificates account - Beth Rose and I did. In 2009 our committee purchased Martin coupons 3x for \$8,730, Kroger coupons 2x for \$1,650. and we returned \$825 to Social Concerns through this program. Shannon Whitley took care of the other checking account audit.
- D. Shelley opened Social Concerns mail from the church mailbox (it had not been checked for awhile). Several 'thank you notes' from Food Pantry, several newsletters from MCNC and Bread of Life. Request for funds to buy helmets for 3rd graders in Marshall County at \$7. ea. A Thank you from Wendi Bendy for Christmas gifts.
- E. Financials Report - expenses in April totaled \$755. April donations were \$699.91 Apr 27th ending balance \$1,040.72
- F. Care & Share Report from Ken Brace for April - 22 Vouchers Total families helped - 51 groups or 208 people within family units. He reported total distributed was \$2,026.29 (account was in the red 4/28 at \$78) then came back. Reported NIPSCO- Gift of Warmth -\$3,622.57 to 22 families, they now need \$5,000 more to complete the \$14,000 dollar to dollar match program.
Also reported the Winter Warmth Program distributed \$2,946.03 to 10 families.
Thank God for the NIPSCO program, so many would have been disconnected without it, but there are other utilities who do not have these programs- Bremen Utilities, Argos Power, IN/MI Power, REMC and they are coming in for assistance, their being disconnected. No funds to help. FEMA is now waiting on \$22,000 for rental assistance & \$5,000 for utility assistance. Jane asked what the specifics for this Fema program? We will inquire.
- G. Food Pantry - our food donations are down, took one bag last weekend but had 11 bags this past Sunday.
- H. Shelley shared the communications to the church include an update in the church newsletter and we sent out a churchwide email request April/12 for food donations for the food pantry.

NEW BUSINESS - Expenses to be paid

Care & Share Assistance \$300. Care & Share Salary \$50. Laundry Vouchers \$ 132.

Little Friend Scholarship \$ 160.00 (last payment of 2010 commitment)

The only new business was conversation on donations for helmets. We decided no, not enough funds at this time. Shelley said "Thank you to all who have made a difference this past year." I believe our Father is pleased.

It was decided we did not need a meeting in June. We usually don't have a meeting in July.

The members present gave Shelley permission to make allocations decisions for donations in June and July.

Next scheduled meeting will be Monday, Aug. 9th 6:30 p.m. (unless alerted otherwise).