

Ministry Team: Outreach and Social Ministry

Meeting Date: March 11, 2014

ATTENDEES:

Kathy Freeman

Diane Putzer

Kris Helm

Nicky DeRoehn

Dana Olson

Pastor Mary

Excused: Tom Swensen, Marcie DeGroot-Flasch

Ministry team minutes:

- Old Business

1. Outreach Grid – Dana will add our 2013 benevolence grants to the 2013 grid and will start a 2014 grid. Kathy reviewed the list of Thank-You letters we have received since our 2013 benevolence grants went out.
2. Make an Impact Fundraiser – Four gift baskets and a sweater jacket were donated through Outreach. Money raised: \$50 for “Feeling Crafty”, \$50 for “Peaceful Night at Home”, \$60 for “Chocolate, Cheese & Wine”, \$55 for “Grill Basket” and \$80 for the sweater jacket.
3. Help for the Homeless – Collections are underway for the Help for the Homeless hygiene campaign and will continue through March 30. Dana will request that a brief “shout out” be given at the worship services to help with the collections. Nicky will check into having a brief mention posted on the FELC Facebook page too.
4. Lenten Meal on March 26 – Outreach & Social Ministry will host the Lenten meal on March 26 as a fundraiser for Feed My Starving Children. Dinner entrée will be sloppy joes from Schreiner’s Diner. Our team will bring salads and help with set-up (4:00), serving (5-6:15) and clean-up (5:45). Jean Monson will contact her list of bakers for desserts. Confirmation students will be available to assist in set up and clean up. Kathy will check with Jean if there is anything else we should be taking care of (buns?) or if there is anything else we should have at the meal (chips?) We figure we will know after the meal on March 12 about the number of people to prepare for.
5. Fox Valley Warming Shelter – FELC dates for the warming shelter are May 17, 18, 20, 23, 24, 28 and 29. Tom is leading this effort for FELC and is working with Dick and Kris. No update.
6. ELCA Malaria Campaign – No update.
7. Ecumenical Habitat for Humanity Build – No specific dates are set yet for the late summer/early fall ecumenical build. We have committed to FELC being part of this build and the next organizational meeting is in April. FELC will eventually be assigned slots for shifts to fill. Diane will get a task force together to help in fund raising for FELC’s portion of the project.
8. Refugee Resettlement in the Fox Valley – Pastor Mary is contacting Regina Labby, Volunteer and Resource Coordinator for World Relief, about coming to FELC to discuss the refugee resettlement in the Fox Valley. Pastor Mary will set a date with her to do an adult forum between services at the DS. Hopefully someone can be at the NS too, or have Regina come to the DS one week and the NS another.
9. Romanian Mission Trip – June 26-July 7. Participants will work with the Lutheran Congregation in Sibiu/Hermanstadt, Romania. There is a meeting to learn more about it on Sunday, March 16th from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Neenah. Diane, Kris and Kris’s daughter Kaylin are planning on going on the trip, and perhaps Diane’s husband and son too.

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1. Haiti Projects – Lisa Jermain and her son Patrick will be speaking next Wednesday at the Lenten Service. (Lisa has gone on several mission trips to Haiti with Christ the King Lutheran Church. In addition, several years ago Christ the King assumed responsibility for funding a lunch program for 200 high school students in Haiti and Lisa was instrumental in starting that.) Hopefully Lisa & Patrick will be available after the service to provide more information if people are interested in hearing more.
2. Leiseth Family Visit – In response to our request to have the Leiseth family visit FELC, they requested that their visit be available for all of the Appleton area churches instead of one congregation. Pastor Mary will talk (email) them. We feel that they would get more exposure if they were at FELC on a Sunday morning & another congregation on a Saturday evening, instead of setting up a separate evening program. We originally thought the May 11th date would work out best but now we're thinking of June 22.
3. Human Race Fundraiser – May 3rd and sponsored by the Volunteer Center. Kathy will put information in the newsletter and ask for volunteers to walk for the Fox Valley Warming Shelter and ESTHER.
4. Human Trafficking – We discussed this issue and would like to pursue something with the congregation, but feel that the fall would be better timing. There is a documentary on the subject done by a Lawrence student. Nicky will check into putting a link to the documentary on the FELC website and facebook page.
5. Appleton Conference Grant – Diane submitted a grant application to the Appleton Conference of ELCA Congregations for \$1000 for Live Your Call. They approved a \$500 grant, to be paid in 2014 as funds become available. Thank you Diane!

Next meeting is April 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Downtown Site.

Submitted by: Dana Olson