

WESLEY CHURCH SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, MARCH 22, 2010

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Class of 2010: John Carter, Tom Alton

Class of 2011: Robert Hironimus-Wendt, Dana Walker, Kathy Fischer

Class of 2012: Laurie Black, Mary Ann Troyer, Hunt Dunlap, Sandra Nelson

Present: Pastor Becky Lembke, Tom Alton, Lorie Black, Hunt Dunlap, Kathy Fischer, Sandra Nelson, Mary Ann Troyer.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Tom Alton.

Minutes: The motion was made and seconded (Laurie, Hunt) to approve the February minutes with one correction: The spelling of Dr. Espahbodi's name was incorrect. Motion carried.

Parish Nurse Project Update:

- The subcommittee will be meeting with the Parish Nurse at the church in Washington, IL, on April 16th.
- Becky told the committee that a request for start-up funding was submitted to the Trustees, for \$2,500 as per John's suggestion.
- Tom reported that Lea Monahan is willing to pursue student nurse internships to assist with the project, once it is up and running.
- Tom inquired about the possibility of exploring Fellheimer Trust funding in addition to whatever funding we receive from the Trustees. Hunt suggested that we first ask the church if we can make the project a priority in the regular church budget. If we do want to pursue Fellheimer funds at a later time, Tom does not think there is an annual deadline – i.e., they consider funding projects on an ongoing basis. Becky thinks it probably depends on the project, and on their current balance.

Parish Nurse, cont'd.

- Becky mentioned that October is the deadline for the 2011 budget for the church (for ongoing expenses, etc.). So if we are considering a stipend for the Parish Nurse, we need to submit it by that deadline.
- Some questions were asked about policies and procedures. Becky stated that the funding is through the Trustees. (But sometimes the Finance Committee works in tandem with the Trustees.) The Staff-Parish committee would oversee any personnel involved.
- The committee cannot recall who was going to contact Connie Mohr, to obtain information on this program when we had it in the past. Kathy will check with John Carter on this. [Post note: John did not volunteer to contact her, and doesn't recall who did.]
- Becky asked if we have anyone in mind to start off the program. Several nurses were mentioned, who are members of the congregation. The committee discussed whether we may want to invite some of our doctors and nurses from the congregation to go to Washington with us on April 16th. Kathy will contact John to ask if this is appropriate at this time. [Postnote: Kathy contacted John and he thinks their involvement is premature at this time – but they will be contacted later to help with the actual program development.] Hunt suggested that as the program is developed, we establish a committee (e.g., with doctors and nurses as members) to oversee the program, establish guidelines, etc.
- Publicity: Becky will write an article for the May issue of the church newsletter (after we meet on April 16) describing our plans for the program.
- Laurie asked if there would be any value in having a display table in the Atrium, providing information on Parish Nurse programs. We could have committee members there to answer questions. The committee thinks that is an excellent idea.
- Becky suggested having a healing service at some point, to emphasize the issues relating to health, health care, etc. (She suggested doing this in May, but it may depend on how quickly we progress with the Parish Nurse program.)
- Becky suggested that the committee develop a timeline for our development of the program.
- Kathy said that we may not be able to progress with specific plans and publicity until after we visit the other program in St. Louis. At that point we will have more information.

Earth Day:

- Tom mentioned that April is Earth Month. He will write an article for the April newsletter, focusing on environmental issues.

Special Sundays in June:

- Sandra asked if we could focus on UMC contributions to missions in the month of June – perhaps even recruit someone from one of our missions projects. It was her recollection that the committee did something like this two years ago. Kathy will check the minutes regarding the details of what was done. [Postnote: I could not locate any minutes which described such a project, but I recall that the Missions Committee held a *Missions Fair* three years ago – perhaps this is what Sandra had in mind? Or -- The May 2008 minutes mentioned the possibility of showing short DVD clips about Special Sundays in June – one per Sunday for the month of June, but I don't recall whether we followed through with the idea.]

Follow-up on Inviting People from Loaves & Fishes to Faith Encounter:

- The committee wondered if Dana got the Loaves & Fishes board to approve putting up a sign inviting people from Loaves and Fishes to our weekly Faith Encounter program. Kathy will check with Dana on this.

New Business:

- Laurie announced that the dates for the *Streaming Waters* project this year are June 7-11. May 1st is the deadline for applications. Plans are underway.
- Becky mentioned that Samaritan Well is on more solid ground now. She said that Joanna Eidson expressed great appreciation for the church's support.
- Kathy mentioned that the Macomb Alliance for Peace and Justice has resumed regular meetings. If anyone is interested in getting their emails, let her know.

Adjournment: The motion was made and seconded (Sandra, Laurie) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Next Meeting: April 19, 5:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Fischer, Secretary