

# Minutes of St. Paul's Episcopal Church Outreach Committee

Date: October 21, 2022

Present: Carole Davis, Mike Farver, Barbara Mannor, Lanie Nix, Karen Schaefer, Betty Anne Taylor, David Taylor

Karen Schaefer called the meeting to order with an opening prayer.

The minutes of the September 16, 2022 meeting were presented and unanimously approved. David Taylor made the motion to approve the minutes and Betty Anne Taylor seconded the motion.

Karen thanked the Outreach Committee for helping make the Blessing of the Animals worship service event a success. The service was held on Sunday, October 9, with over 20 pets (all dogs) being blessed by Father Don. David Taylor captured photos of the pets as they were blessed. Several committee members brought treats for the coffee hour and helped serve the parishioners and guests.

Mari Brooks, Marketing & Event Coordinator, Humane Society of Genesee County, was introduced by Father Don at the coffee hour and spoke briefly about the services and needs of the Humane Society. Mari appreciated the donations of pet food and supplies by St. Paul's parishioners. Mari Brooks is shown in the attached photo with the rescue dog she brought to the event, photo credit: Karen Moon Schaefer. Three images of Fr. Don blessing the pets, photo credit: David Taylor.



**Zack, Pam, and Patrick Bailey**



**Zan Milner, Betty Anne Taylor in the background**



**Tom Shriver, Betty Anne Taylor in the background**

There was discussion about a fundraiser to support Crossover Outreach's building project. The Outreach Committee does not have full support of the Vestry for this project and Father Don did not want to have Denise Diller, Executive Director of Crossover, make a presentation to the congregation at this time.

As an alternative, it was suggested that an article for The Epistle be drafted about the fundraiser for Crossover Outreach that would include a survey to determine the wishes of the congregation. David offered to prepare the draft for Father Don to review.

Carole Davis, Angel Tree coordinator, presented an update on the Angel Tree project. Carole explained (in her guidelines) that the children's gift-giving Angel Tree is St. Paul's way of accepting donations to purchase gifts for children identified by Crossover Outreach. Carole has three volunteers to help manage the project this year - Jo Miska, Betty Anne Taylor, and David Taylor. Carole provided the attached guidelines and will make updates as needed. The first phase of the Angel Tree gift-giving will open with an angel ornament decorating gathering scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 11:00 a.m. at the church.

Lanie Nix reported that she has a few volunteers to help serve breakfast/lunch at St. Andrews. The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 29, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. St. Paul's coordinates volunteering with other churches to help St. Andrews the fifth Saturday of each month.

Under New Business, Karen reviewed St. Paul's annual commitment to help Crossover Outreach with Thanksgiving meals. Denise Diller sent an email requesting specific food needs to fulfill the Thanksgiving dinner boxes that the nonprofit is preparing for its clients. Karen prepared a draft of the request to publish in the church bulletin and The Epistle. Father Don approved the request and suggested that a flyer also be prepared for Facebook about the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Edythe Peake prepared the flyer (see attached document). The food collection dates are for the next three Sundays, October 23 and 31, and November 6. All food donations must be delivered to Outreach by Friday, November 11.

To accommodate those working during the day, the Outreach Committee changed its meeting time to the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting is set for Thursday, November 3.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Moon Schaefer