

Minutes of St. Paul's Episcopal Church Outreach Committee

Date: January 5, 2023

Present: Carole Davis, Mike Farver, Barbara Mannor, Lanie Nix, Karen Schaefer

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

The minutes of the December 1, 2022 were reviewed. Barbara Mannor made the motion to approve the minutes and Mike Farver seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Lanie Nix and Mike Farver reported on the St. Andrews lunch project. Several volunteers signed up to assist St. Andrews parishioners with preparing and serving the lunch. Since it was held on December 31 (New Year's Eve Day), Lanie explained that many volunteers dressed in festive attire which created a lively atmosphere. Some 25-30 guests were served. St. Paul's is scheduled to provide volunteers on the months with five Saturdays but may volunteer additional times if they wish. The 2023 schedule includes April 29, July 29, September 30, and December 30. All sessions are from 9:30 am - 1:30 pm. It was suggested that the schedule be printed in The Epistle.



Volunteers included Tim Grant, Mike Farver, Lanie Nix, Edythe Peake, Mary Lorah-Hammond and Karen Moon Schaefer. Martin (from another congregation) is in the background.
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Barbara Mannor, St. Paul's Family Promise Coordinator, reported that exciting things will be happening with Family Promise for 2023. Barbara is developing a list of volunteers that includes several volunteers in addition to members of the Outreach Committee, and is looking for more volunteers. Barbara has been in contact with Tiffani Wharry, Executive Director of Family Promise, to determine a date for St. Paul's to start hosting families. Barbara explained that there are delays with initiating the new mobile housing unit due to logistical and mechanical needs such as acquiring a power generator, sewage pickup, and the need to get more churches to participate in the program for scheduling the church host weeks.

Barbara also forwarded the request by Tiffani for help with their fundraiser projects. Lanie Nix offered to contact Tiffani's fundraising staff person to offer assistance.

In the December minutes, it was decided that Lanie would contact Father Don about establishing a separate Fundraising Committee to handle St. Paul's fundraising efforts. Father Don's response was that since he will be retiring early this year that the Fundraising Committee proposal should be presented directly to the new Vestry for 2023.

Karen Schaefer reported that she has submitted the Outreach Annual Report for 2022 as requested by Father Don for the Sunday, January 22, 2023 annual meeting. The report includes the summary report of the Outreach Committee and a photo collage of Outreach projects and events. Maggie Hart will add the budget information to complete the Outreach Committee package.

Under New Business, there was discussion about new fundraising ideas for 2023. Lanie offered the idea of a St. Valentine's dinner. It was suggested that research needs to be done to determine if there are other dinners scheduled that would conflict with a St. Paul's Valentine's Day dinner.

Barbara offered a fundraising idea that her family uses called Kroger Community Rewards. The process is to open up a digital account with Kroger's, link your Kroger card to your account so that all transactions apply toward the organization you choose. When you are online, enter St. Paul's Episcopal, Flint, for the organization to support. Enter "All" for type of organization. St. Paul's should pop-up and you are linked to this organization. Further details are located:

<https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the parlor.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Moon Schaefer