



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Outreach Ministry Meeting – Thursday, August 3, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Carole Davis, Norene Leatzow, Celeste Lord, Barbara Mannor, Karen Schaefer, David Taylor

Items Covered:

- *The opening prayer was led by David Taylor.*
- *The Minutes of the July 6, 2023 meeting were reviewed. David Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Norene Leatzow. The motion passed.*
- *College Ministry*
Karen Schaefer reported that Father Tom is very supportive of a College Ministry. He would like to start out small with one college such as UM - Flint. Karen has scheduled a a meeting with Father Tom to discuss this topic in more detail.
- *Back to the Bricks*
Velevia Roberts Ford is the coordinator of Back to the Bricks, the annual classic car event that celebrates the historic role of the automobile industry in Flint. Vehicles will be lined up on the recently renovated brick street, Saginaw, in front of St. Paul's. This event offers an opportunity for St. Paul's to do a fundraiser by selling refreshments on the front lawn. Karen reported that Velevia will post a sign-up sheet for the event on Sunday, August 6. Volunteers are needed for the day of the event Saturday, August 19, for 2-hour shifts starting at 8 AM. Outreach members were encouraged to sign-up.
- *150th Anniversary Parish Reunion*
Karen reported that Walt Peake would like Outreach, as well as the other St. Paul ministries, to reach out to former parishioners to invite them to the special Sunday reunion event on August 27. Walt explained that the planning group has rented a tent and are negotiating with a Food Truck vendor for menu items.

- *Family Promise Update*
Barbara Mannor reported that Family Promise has officially moved into St. Paul's. This move is expected to be advantageous to Family Promise and its mission. The details of this transition were presented in a feature article in the Family Promise Summer Newsletter (article attached). In the article, Family Promise praised St. Paul's for its generosity and "strong community spirit."

Barb commented that the next scheduled volunteer session with Family Promise is October 1-15. St. Paul's coordinates efforts with St. Jude's and St. Dunstan's to provide meals at the Family Promise housing trailer that is parked at St. Dunstan's. Barb will follow-up with the specific dates for the meals and suggested menus.

The Family Promise Newsletter also featured an article about Barbara Mannor as "a long-time Housing Hero." Barb was recognized for her volunteer work with Family Promise (article attached). Outreach Ministry also praised and thanked Barb for her volunteer work with Family Promise.

- *2023 Annual Pledge Campaign - Rooted in Abundance*
Outreach reviewed the invitation from Walt Peake to share a 5-minute presentation about Outreach Ministry as part of the 2023 Annual Pledge Campaign. Walt is inviting all of the church ministries to share their stories as part of the pledge campaign. David Taylor offered to take the lead on this project with input from the entire team for the presentation. This topic will be on the September agenda.
- *Hygiene Kits for Crossover Outreach*
There was discussion about providing hygiene kits for Crossover Outreach. Celeste Lord will contact Denise Diller, Executive Director of Crossover Outreach, about the need for hygiene kits for Crossover.
- *The meeting closed with prayer.*

Respectfully submitted, Karen Moon Schaefer, Chair