



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Outreach Ministry Meeting – Thursday, October 5, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Carole Davis, Mike Farver, Maggie Hart, Norene Leatzow, Father Tom Manney, Barbara Mannor, Lanie Nix, Edythe Peake, Karen Schaefer, Betty Anne Taylor, David Taylor

Items Covered:

- The *opening prayer* was led by Father Tom Manney.
- The *Minutes of the September 14, 2023* meeting were reviewed. There were no corrections. David Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Edythe Peake. The motion passed.
- *Appreciation for Outreach Ministry Projects Completed* - Karen Schaefer expressed appreciation for the presentation by David Taylor for the 2023 Annual Pledge Campaign Rooted in Abundance. This was a collaborative effort by Outreach Ministry. The final presentation was crafted by David for the September 24 deadline.

St Paul's had several volunteers for the Fifth Saturday Lunch Service at St. Andrews on September 25. Those assisting with preparing and serving the lunch were: Harold Acord, Rebekah Acord (brother & sister), Norene Leatzow, Debbie Nelson, Edythe Peake, Lanie Nix, Mike Farver, Karen Schaefer. Approximately 50 meals were served. The next Fifth Saturday will be December 30.

- *Humane Society of Genesee County* – There was discussion about the need for a donation to the Humane Society following the special worship service, Blessing of the Animals, on October 1. Maggie Hart made a motion to support the Humane Society with a \$250 donation. The motion was seconded by Betty Anne Taylor. Motion passed. Mari Brooks from the Humane Society was our guest presenter during the coffee hour on October 1. She answered questions about pet adoption and explained the details about the new fund to honor Dr. John Snell that is being established. Mari will follow-up with the final details on the new fund.

- *Family Promise Update* – Barbara Mannor reported on the status of our commitment to provide meals for a Family Promise family. We coordinate meal-planning efforts with St. Dunstan’s and St. Jude’s. Maggie Hart and Karen Schaefer volunteered to provide meals/and or food items on the dates offered by Barb – Friday, October 6, Saturday, October 7, and Sunday, October 8. Barb will follow-up with the specific meal items needed.

- *Planning for St. Paul’s Tea Party* – Barb is working with Elizabeth Jordan on finding a time on the church calendar for a special tea during during Advent. She suggested that anyone interested in helping with planning meet during the coffee hour next Sunday (October 8) to plan the details.

- *Angel Tree Project* – Carole Davis and Norene Leatzow, Co-Chairs for the Angel Tree Project presented a detailed spreadsheet of the Angel Tree Calendar from October 4 through the week of December 18. Everyone was invited to the Angel Tree Ornament Decorating Session on Thursday, November 9 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in Barth Hall. It was also suggested that a gift-wrapping session be scheduled during the coffee hour when it is time to wrap the unwrapped gifts prior to delivering to Crossover Outreach. Previously, the coordinators had to complete the final gift-wrapping task without assistance. Edythe Peake will prepare publicity for the Angel Tree Project. Lanie Nix and Mike Farver will coordinate efforts with Tamara Oertel from the Common Threads Ministry to have stocking stuffers in addition to the regular gifts.

- *Backpacks*- Lanie Nix presented a plan to make backpacks of personal necessities to distribute when needed. Lanie will follow-up with publicity items and ideas of the contents of the backpacks.

- *Correspondence - Report from Crossover Outreach - Camp Chick Summer Camp* Outreach Ministry appreciated the details expressed in the summary report. Outreach supports Crossover’s Summer Camp program at Presque Isle.

- *College Ministry* – Father Tom reported that the Diocese has hired a consultant for college ministries. Outreach Ministry is exploring options for this type of ministry.

- *Closing prayer and Adjournment.*

Respectfully submitted, Karen Moon Schaefer, Chair