

## **Outreach (Social Action Ministry) Committee Meeting Minutes**

10-30-19, 6:30 pm

Madison Campus

Members present – P. Joe Brosious, Carol Ringeisen, Becky Baumbach, Donna Maysack, Diane Mueller, Kimberly King, Colin Grove, Susi Petta, Luke Lucas, Beth Ringgenberg

Guests present - Chris and Nathan Brinkman

**1. Devotion** led by Becky Baumbach

### **2. Care Net Pregnancy Center Proposal**

Chris and Nathan Brinkman presented a request to permit the new Care Net mobile unit to park in the Good Shepherd Madison campus parking lot. The Brinkmans are not board members of Care Net or otherwise related to Care Net but believe in the need for the services that Care Net provides

Care Net operates a clinic on the east side of Madison which provides pregnancy testing, STD testing and ultrasounds to women. Care Net can sign-up families for Badger Care, and also provides resources and education on raising healthy babies. Care Net also operates Elizabeth House which is a residential facility for women who need a safe place to stay before and after the birth of a child.

Care Net has just recently obtained a mobile clinic to provide services similar to what the east side clinic is providing. They are looking for a west side location to park the mobile unit. The Meadowood neighborhood has been identified as a neighborhood that has a need for such a service. It is expected that the mobile unit would be at GSLC once a week. In addition to parking, the only other possible needs would be use of the church restrooms as well as possibly plugging into the electricity although the mobile unit has a generating system. Other churches in the neighborhood have been approached also but Good Shepherd is the first choice

Sheray Wallace, who is the Meadowood Community Health Worker was invited to the meeting but was unable to attend. Pastor Joe explained that Sheray created the Meadowood Health Partnership which collaborates with other organizations. Sheray currently teaches a Centering Pregnancy class as well as a class for African-American mothers on breastfeeding.

The committee had a number of questions regarding the proposal including the staffing, accreditation, how the Meadowood need was determined, composition of the CareNet board, and how the CareNet actually interacts with women who come to the clinic or mobile unit.

Prior to making any decision, the committee wishes to speak with Sheray Wallace about the needs of the Meadowood community and how Good Shepherd could partner with her and whether Care Net fills a need that cannot be filled by the Meadowood Health Partnership. It was decided that Pastor Joe would reach out to Sheray to visit with her. Members of the committee may attend if they are able.

### **3. Update on Immigration Letter Writing – Pastor Joe**

GSLC will be hosting this event on Thursday, November 14 from 6-8 pm at the Madison campus. There will be a presentation from attorneys from CIRC (Community Immigration Law Clinic) that have worked at the border. Pastor Joe is also trying to get Rev. Walter Baires from the Synod office to attend. We will write supportive letters to immigrants at the border. Sample letters will be provided.

We have a Thrivent grant to provide food. Pastor Joe will ask the Pentecostal church pastor if they would be interested in providing the food. We also need volunteers to help set up and get ready for the workshop. Volunteers should be at church by 5:30 pm.

### **4. Next meeting, January 8, 6:30pm Madison campus unless there is a need to meet sooner to discuss the CareNet proposal.**

**5. Name of Committee** – Kimberly King notified committee members by e-mail that the Board has approved the new name for this committee. It will be the Social Action Ministry

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Ringgenberg