

Social Action Ministry Committee Meeting Minutes

1-8-20, 6:30 pm

Verona Campus

Members present – Pastor Joe Brosious, Carol Ringeisen, Becky Baumbach, Donna Maysack, Kimberly King, Colin Grove, Susi Petta, Luke Lucas, Beth Ringgenberg, Marilyn Kile, and Kristi Jones

1. Devotion led by Becky Baumbach

2. Prison Prayer Book Request

The Jail Ministry at Bethel Church requested that we consider doing a fund raiser to help them purchase pray books for the Dane County Jail Ministry. We will look for future opportunities. Kristi mentioned that immigrants from this area who may be deported are sent to the Columbia County jail.

3. Care Net Discussion

A. Updates -Several members of our committee visited the mobile site at Church on a Hill and received a tour. They noted it was staffed by R.N.s and well organized. They also met with Sheray who runs the Meadowood Health Partnership and runs the Centering Pregnancy group. She stated that she would be willing to work with Care Net.

B. Discussion and Decision – The committee discussed whether there was value added and the impact on the image of the church. Sheray can offer all the services that Care Net offers but it involves transportation and several locations which can be a barrier to services. Care Net would be more convenient. We need to be aware that even one negative incident in the mobile unit could damage our reputation with the community.

C. Next steps -The committee voted to send the following recommendation to the Board next month: Good Shepherd will allow Care Net to operate weekly in our parking lot for a 6-month period if they collaborate with the Meadowood Health Partnership. Before sending the recommendation, we will add specific stipulations and criteria for immediate termination of the agreement at our next meeting. Members are encouraged to email their ideas if they can not attend the next meeting.

4. Community Dinners – postponed to next month

5. Announcements

A. Percy Brown – Tuesday, February 4, he will be presenting “Racial Equity” at the Madison campus. He is the Equity Officer at Middleton/Cross Plains schools and is highly recommended.

B. Witness Whiteness – A new class will be starting January 22.

6. Other Agenda Items – In future meetings we will discuss how we can support the Meadowood Health Partnership.

7. Next meeting, February 12, 6:30pm Madison campus.

Respectfully submitted by,
Marilyn Kile