**Social Action Ministry Meeting Minutes**

June 10, 2020, 6:30pm

Zoom meeting

Members present – Rick Thomas, Carol Ringeisen, Becky Baumbach, Donna Maysack, Kimberly King, Colin Grove, Susi Petta, Beth Ringgenberg, Marilyn Kile, Diane Mueller, Sherri Swartz and Kristi Jones

1. **Opening devotion-** Becky
2. **Updates on ministries** 
   1. Rick – Job Transition is not running classes, but we refer anyone who contacts Good Shepherd to the program. Jail Ministry now has chaplains back in the jail. We need to follow up on whether they are still seeking money for prayer books. All Food Pantries are open as drive up. The Clothes Closet is closed until after the pandemic, but we can give clothes when we receive specific requests from community partners. Team World Vision is having trouble recruiting due to the pandemic and some churches have dropped out.
   2. Susi – Sheray from Meadowwood Health Partnership is still working with some people in the community although the library and community center are closed. She is in need of Woodman’s gift cards, laundry and dish deterrent, diaper and baby wipes. God’s Hands and Feet will be helping out with that. Staff is writing a Good Shepherd Foundation grant for medical supplies that Sheray needs.
   3. Care Net – They were only set up in our parking lot once before the pandemic. They have not reached out to Sheray yet. Every time the coordinator asks us what the community needs, we refer her to Sheray. After Phase 2 of the pandemic reopening is declared, they will set up again in our parking lot, but the building will remain closed. Kimberly will talk to Board about having their 6-month trial date start at Phase 2 instead of March.
   4. Donna – The Homeless Shelter needs volunteers every evening to ask health questions and distribute masks and gloves. The Nehemiah Center prison re-entry program needs towels, twin sheets, pillows and cash donation for formerly incarcerated men moving into Meadowwood. Homemade or packaged disposable masks are needed to distribute at the Food Pantry. Both adult and child sizes are needed. They can be dropped off when the Food Pantry is open or sent to the church.
   5. Request for reallocation of community meal grant money – This is not possible. The money must be spent on community meals.
3. **Difficult Conversations: How to walk alongside all God’s Children –** A four session class is being developed by Susi, Becky, Rick and Bjorn. It will include awareness of whiteness and historical information on race relations in the U.S. It starts Tuesday, June 30, 7:00pm on Zoom.
4. **Discussion of other racial justice/community initiative or actions**

a. Staff will look into the possibility of posting a lawn sign stating Good Shepherd’s commitment to social justice and discuss with the Board.

b. Sidewalk chalk or sign could be posted at our entrance when the Food Pantry is open. Good signs are available at Willy Street Coop for $10.

c. Bags of toys could be distributed to families through the Food Pantry.

d. GS could explore developing a sister church relationship with a Black church.

e. GS could invite a Black or Latinx pastor to deliver a joint online service with our pastors.

1. **Closing prayer -** Susi
2. **Next meeting –** Wednesday, July 8, 2020, 6:30 pm, Zoom

Respectfully submitted by

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