

Social Action Ministry Meeting Minutes

10-14-20, 6:30pm

Zoom meeting

Members present – Rick Thomas, Becky Baumbach, Donna Maysack, Kimberly King, Colin Grove, Susi Petta, Beth Ringgenberg, Marilyn Kile, Diane Mueller, Julie and Dennis Ahmen and Kristi Jones

1. Opening devotion- Susi

2. Updates

- a. Orchard Ridge – Beth has received no response back from the school. Committee suggested possibly distributing gift cards to teachers for Christmas since they are working under such stressful conditions.
- b. Meadowood Neighborhood Center – God's Hands and Feet is making sack lunches starting November 18. Coach Assad is helping to distribute them in the neighborhood.
- c. Team World Vision –25 people are on the team. Their goal is raising \$75,000. So far, they have raised \$52,000. On Sunday, November 8 there will be both virtual participants and the live run starting at Lake Farm Park.
- d. Crop Walk – We are advertising it in the E-news if individuals want to participate in the city-wide event on Sunday, October 18.
- e. Clothes Closet – It has moved into a bigger room. Guests may drive up on the west side of the Madison campus on Thursdays during Food Pantry hours. Volunteers select and bring out clothes for guests. 237 children received new shoes, socks and underwear this fall.

3. Action Items

- a. Proposal on Gun Violence –This would be an educational Zoom program with a local and a national speaker .Possible local speakers are Sheray, Coach Assad or Matt Wenzel. Pastor Rolf Olson, a gun owner whose daughter was murdered by gun violence, is a possible national speaker. Event could include a moderator questioning speakers and could be prerecorded. ELCA has a statement on gun violence and violence prevention is part of our committee's mission statement. Permission will be requested from the Board.
- b. Thanksgiving dinner –Pastor Dara, Donna and Rick are the organizers. We will be distributing to go boxes at the Madison church. Meals will be delivered to church members who are home bound upon request.

- c. Christmas gifts – We will provide gifts for only 50 people from the neighborhood this year (Giving Tree). God's Hands and Feet will be filling about 50 shoe box gifts as well. In addition, we will provide referrals to Road Home and other programs for individuals who want to do more.

4. Prayer – Becky

5. Next meeting – Wednesday, November 11, 2020, 6:30 pm, Zoom

Respectfully submitted by
Marilyn Kile