

Social Action Ministry Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2020, 6:30pm

Zoom meeting

Members present – Rick Thomas, Carol Ringeisen, Becky Baumbach, Donna Maysack, Kimberly King, Susi Petta, Beth Ringgenberg, Diane Mueller, Kristi Jones, Julie and Dennis Ahnen.

1. Opening devotion- Becky

2. New Business

- A. United Madison – <https://unitedmadison.com/home> .This is a group headed by GSLC member Diane Hanson. The purpose of this group appears to be a networking group, trying to get people and resources plugged in to where there is a need. Brenda Wilcox and Nancy Rasmussen from church are also involved.
- B. Ideas from Sherri about moving an agenda forward with neighborhood
 - 1) Just Bakery – They are still selling baked goods. Rick reported that he and Pastor Dara are looking into what we can do to help. In 2-3 weeks it is likely that we will have Just Bakery in our Madison campus parking lot on a Sunday morning for drive through pick-up. Committee members suggested that we let other churches in the area know when this is available, especially St. Maria Goretti which is holding in person services and that we could also offer a prayer for people picking up baked goods. We are also looking into offering bread from Just Bakery when we can use it in the Holy Cow.
 - 2) Bringing in leaders from the neighborhood – it is important that involve other leaders from the community. Suggestions on how to do this include:
 - i. Contact Eric Alvin from Joining Forces for Families
 - ii. Perhaps Diane Hansen from United Madison can help
 - iii. When the food pantry is open again in Peterson Hall, have some art from the neighborhood residents.
- C. Grant for community needs - The Good Shepherd Foundation gave a \$1500 grant to Sheray Wallace for her neighborhood ministry to be used for the needs as Sheray determines.
- D. Orchard Ridge Update and requests from Noelle LaConte – The church school may be asking children/families to donate school supplies to ORE. At this point, it is unclear exactly what the needs are and logistics will be for the future school year. However Good Shepherd will continue to support ORE in whatever ways we can.

E. Ministry Updates

1. Feed My Starving Children – there will not be an event in February, 2021
2. World Vision – To date \$33,000 has been raised toward a goal of \$75,000. The race is cancelled but locally they are trying to figure out how to do their own race.
3. Quilting – Quilting supplies will be available at church this coming Monday for individuals to pick up so they can continue working on quilts.
4. Jail Ministry – the pastor is able to get into the jail regularly. Carol will inquire about the need for books.

3. Other Business

A. Kristi has been contacted about possible needs/partnership with Toki Middle School which is adjacent to ORE, our Adopt a School partner. Toki does not have a Adopt a School partner. It is possible Kristi's employer may be interested but she will check.

B. Violence in the community – Susi has been contacted by people asking what the church can do about the violence that has escalated in the community this summer. Donna shared about the Zoom prayer time she started on Tuesdays at 10:30 am and 7 PM and subsequently sent committee members a link. Kristi shared that there was an ELCA program on gun violence. Link is attached. <https://elca.org/60days>. There was a discussion about what other programs might be available in the community. Coach Asad is holding a black history class in his driveway.

4. **Closing prayer** - Donna led the group in praying the Lord's Prayer

5. **Next meeting** – Wednesday, September 9, 2020, 6:30 pm, Zoom

Respectfully submitted by
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