

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Clarks Summit , PA**

Service And Outreach Ministry Team

Team Meeting: Thursday, November 28, 2006

Present: Pastor Mathews, Connie McDonnell, Bob Davies, Carole Hamersly and Bengt Berg.

Absent: Steve Bowman, Marty Kearney, Sam Lesko, Carol Pencek, George Duhigg, Rita Evans, Joan Sharpe.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Sam Lesko distributed an agenda and questioned if it is the format the team would like to follow in an agenda or are there other considerations that should be addressed.

Bengt Berg suggested each team needs to keep track of their committees and task forces and the operations of each. The team should follow up with committees and concerns can be addressed at team meetings. There does not necessarily need to be a written report from each, team, only if there are concerns to be addressed.

Sam Lesko suggested the agenda should address a review of previous meeting and minutes and allow for updates from committees. There should be a continuity between the teams' agendas.

Pastor suggested reviewing what the team has committed to as a whole and continue to seek new opportunities. The ability to reach many is available through the Endowment fund and Special Benevolences.

The minutes of the October 25 meeting were circulated and accepted.

Nancy Thompson will be contacted regarding needs of the Food Pantry. Pastor indicated that a master list of monthly obligations has been developed by Father McGarry from OLS and Trinity is responsible for March. Nancy Thompson will indicate if there is a need for a particular item, or just food in general.

Regarding a suggestion of recording the Sunday service for availability to shut-ins, Sam Lesko suggested a task force be organized to follow up on details. Carole will contact Steve Bowman and see if he and Chris are interested in organizing the task. It needs to be decided which format will be recorded, CD or cassette. The suggestion is CD format since it is more cost effective, tapes might be difficult to find and the reproducibility of CD's is higher quality in quantity. We need to decide how many copies will be made and that number will basically be determined by interest. What type of equipment will be needed depends on the recording format. There is an issue at this time with the microphone that needs to be addressed.

Community Outreach Opportunities:

Connie McDonnell has spoken to a co-worker at the University of Scranton who has provided her with a list of opportunities that we may be interested in supporting. Connie will provide the team with that information when she is able.

Connie suggests the youth groups do a book fundraiser for libraries that she would assist in. Will be followed up.

Sam Lesko suggested that a "menu" be compiled of outreach opportunities and have the congregation have input as to which areas we support. Can we obtain and express ideas during sermons and temple talks?

Parish Health Ministry had requested the ability to provide a guest speaker with Power Point capabilities. Pastor Mathews possibly has the necessary equipment and will update and fix as necessary.

Connie will speak to someone at St. Francis kitchen regarding opportunities to assist the homeless.

New Business:

Sam suggested information be given regarding the recipients of the Angel Tree Project as many new members may not be aware of whom we are assisting.

It was suggested to send e-mail reminders of upcoming team meetings. This may be accompanied by the minutes of previous meeting and agenda for upcoming meeting.

It was suggested to have a meeting of the chair persons and secretaries of each of the teams to conform their agendas and reports.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM with the Lord's prayer.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 2, 2007 at 7:00 PM.

Carole Hamersly