

**Trinity Lutheran Church  
Clarks Summit , PA**

**Service and Outreach Ministry Team**

**Team Meeting: Tuesday, January 2, 2007**

Present: Bengt Berg, Bob Davies, Carole Hamersly, Heather Klien, Sam Lesko, Pastor Mathews, Carol Pencek, and Joan Sharpe.

Absent: Steve Bowman, Marty Kearney, George Duhigg and Rita Evans.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

The minutes of the November meeting were reviewed and corrected to reflect that Sam was not absent from that meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

Carol Pencek indicated that a written report of the Parish Health Ministry is available on the Trinity website.

There are no questions for PHM from the team.

Carol reported that she will be moving and live out of the area for several months each year therefore, she will not be able to continue as PHM coordinator after this coming fall. Programs are in place through spring 2007.

Sam Lesko will be available to introduce the January guest speaker for PHM program and Kathy Mathews will be available for February and March programs. Programs being sought for the summer include Babysitting, Senior Driving and CPR.

The team needs to consider new leadership for PHM. If there were someone interested in time, Carol could work with that person through the summer and into the fall before she leaves again. Pastor Mathews suggested that a job description be provided which would indicate all of the details that Carol has incorporated into PHM and once that is done, the position could be made known.

Carol questioned the status of power point capability and Pastor Mathews indicated that he will follow up and have equipment available for upcoming PHM programs.

Social Ministry has not had a meeting recently and it was reported that the Red Cross has requested information from the volunteers who participate in the blood drives in order that background checks will be completed by the Red Cross and at their expense as long as it was completed by the end of December 2006. It is believed that all of our current volunteers have had the check completed. Carole Hamersly will check with George Duhigg regarding any new volunteers and how to handle background checks for them.

There was not any activity from the Special Benevolence committee.

The Endowment program will be approached regarding the cost to cover recording and distributing recordings of the services for shut-ins. It needs to be followed up as to who is on the Endowment Fund committee. The service of December 24 morning was recorded and other than volume at certain times in the sermon, the recording was good. Mike Krahling expressed an interest of behalf of some nursing homes to receive the recordings. The next step is to decide what format and obtain necessary equipment. Sam will follow up with Steve Bowman. Possibly a Sunday school project, or any group within the church, could be to purchase listening devices to provide recipients of recordings.

Connie McDonnell provided the team with copies of a list of outreach opportunities that the University of Scranton provided. Connie and Heather will review the list and choose some possible programs and present them to the team and eventually the congregation. Bengt will try to obtain more information from a friend regarding a program for the homeless that provides worship and food. It is believed that there is a new facility opening in Scranton that would provide meals and clothing and we may be able to assist in some way.

**New Business:**

Sam read a letter that Pastor Mathews had received in the mail from the Pennsylvania Hunger Action Center seeking interest from groups to provide a place for meals for children in need through the summer months that are normally provided to children in need during school months. Heather Klien took the information and will touch base with the center to see what the program is all about and she will report back to the team.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM with the Lord's prayer.

The next meeting will be Monday, February 5, 2007.

Carole Hamersly