

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Clarks Summit , PA**

Service And Outreach Ministry Team

Team Meeting: Monday, February 5, 2007

Present: Bengt Berg, George Duhigg, Sam Lesko, Connie McDonnell, Pastor Mathews, Carole Hamersly and Bob Davies.

Absent: Steve Bowman, Marty Kearney, Carol Pencek and Joan Sharpe.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM with a prayer by Pastor Mathews.

Minutes of the January 2, 2007 meeting were reviewed and accepted. One correction, Connie McDonnell was in attendance at that meeting and was not listed as such.

Pastor Mathews gave an overview of outreach by the Trinity congregation. Of the contributions by the ministerium churches, Trinity accounted for 38% of the contributions to areas such as HC/HY, heating, food pantry and other areas.

Sam suggested that somehow that information should be conveyed to the congregation.

Committee Reports:

Parish Health Ministry has had one community education program and the programs for Feb and March are in place with Kathy Mathews hosting and introducing the speakers. Carol Pencek has forwarded info on these programs for printing in the newsletter and bulletins. It was suggested to follow up with Carol regarding a job description for PHM coordinator. Carole will contact Carol and request that info. The hope would be that sometime while Carol is back, a smooth transition might be made.

The Social Ministry sub committee met prior to this meeting and is in the process of drafting a charter to define the objectives for the committee. Support continues for St. Francis Kitchen, Red Cross Blood Drives as well as other areas. The sub committee will plan and implement outreach opportunities for the Ministry team. A final charter will be prepared and forwarded for inclusion with the minutes of this meeting. Sam questioned whether that would mean a revision of the Service and Outreach Ministry team charter. Answer - not necessarily.

Nothing new to report for Special Benevolence or Endowment fund.

New Projects:

The first of the recordings of the Sunday services has been sent to four nursing home/assisted living facilities. Follow up will occur to verify receipt of the CD's and if that format is acceptable to the homes. Pastor Mathews will inquire from the shut-ins that he visits as to their interest in having recordings available to them. Once interest is completely established, it will be

determined if CD players will need to be purchased for the recipients. Possibly a Sunday school project or may request funds from council if need be. Pastor suggested the possibility of video recordings as well, or in place of audio recordings.

Community Outreach opportunities have been explored a bit by Connie McDonnell and Heather Klien and a list is being compiled of potentials for presentation to the congregation. Currently, they are focusing on about four areas that would include the adults and youth of the congregation. There will be updates at future meetings.

Bengt Berg provided information on the homeless in Scranton. The Scranton Rescue Mission is supported by many area churches and seems to be supported well. If there are areas that we might be able to assist, we could, but currently, it seems to be well supported. Connie suggested that an area of focus might be assistance with literacy for children and/or adults.

New Business:

Heather followed up on the recent letter from the PA Hunger Action Center and it seems that this area does not fit what they are looking for, no need for further follow up.

Rita Evans has moved off of the Service and Outreach Ministry team to the Worship Ministry team.

Other Business:

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 13 at 7:00 PM with the focus being follow up to the recordings and outreach opportunities.

Carole Hamersly
Team Secretary