

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Clarks Summit , PA**

Service And Outreach Ministry Team

Team Meeting: Wednesday, April 11, 2007

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

Absent: Steve Bowman, Marty Kearney, Connie McDonnell and Joan Sharpe.

The Evangelism committee of Witness and Fellowship, has suggested that each Ministry Team as well as Congregation Council begin their meetings with a devotional appropriate for each setting. The Evangelism committee will provide readings for council and Ministry Teams. Sam read a devotional.

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

The minutes of the January meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Committee Reports:

Parish Health Ministry: Carol Pencek was welcomed back (from her winter away) and she reports that all is progressing well with PHM. Programs recently presented include HIV/AIDS in January; Eating Disorders in February and Naturally Healthy in May. Programs will continue through August including; Autism, Alcohol and Drug Awareness (with Our Lady of the Snows), a Mother's Day program in May; A Senior Driving Safety Course in June and a Babysitters/CPR course in August. Carol has worked out a schedule of presentations through May of 2008 and will confirm with presenters.

Stretching and relaxation classes have been completed.

Carol continues to work while she is away and will outline a job description of the things she has done as well as ideas that have been suggested, for her replacement. She will be available into October to help transition a new person. The PHM will be a steering committee in researching possible replacements for Carol. Service and Outreach Team will review recommendations from PHM, develop an interview team and proceed to council with its final recommendations.

Social Ministry: A charter was compiled by this sub committee and provided to the team. A correction on the charter: change "semi-monthly meetings" to "bi-monthly meetings". The team received the charter as presented with that correction.

The recent blood drive sponsored by Trinity collected 74 units.

St. Francis Kitchen sponsorship is April 17 and volunteers are recruited. Thank you dinner to be held by St. Francis for volunteers.

Sam inquired as to any concerns that Social Ministry has that need to be addressed by S&O Team. There are none.

Special Benevolence: Pastor indicated that this is designed as a congregation program, that is funded by contributions and dispersed to special requests. Maybe something should be

presented to congregation for ideas as to special support needs of neighbors, friends... the community. Sam suggested that a temple talk setting could be prepared with confidential examples of assistance. Something could be prepared for sometime in May.

Endowment: The Endowment fund is in place for the start up of new ministries and opportunities. Is there an area that this team should consider? Can that fund be used to assist Youth Director expenses? It is recommended that the Endowment Fund meet prior to the Spring meeting of the congregation. That committee consists of two council members, Todd Rehder and Barbara Stauffer as well as congregation members, Maxine Gilligan, Fred Pencek and Steve Bowman. The by-laws need to be reviewed to see if a one-year member may be reelected, as Maxine would be rotating off of this committee.

New Business:

Services continue to be recorded and sent to four nursing homes and when a proposal is retrieved from Steve Bowman regarding cost of recording devices, we can determine whether to purchase new equipment for recording and for shut-ins to listen to CD's on.

Community outreach suggestions will be compiled and presented to team. It was suggested that the Lutheran Men in Mission Group be contacted with the list of possible outreach opportunities to see if they are able to participate in any of the listed groups.

Connie McDonnell has been appreciative of the support she has received from the University of Scranton in the form of meals and assistance and it was questioned if we have any types of assistance in place in the event of needs of members in an emergency situation. Carol Pencek indicated that PHM has a group of people who are available to assist with meals, rides, or whatever is needed and they may be contacted to see if they would be available to the McDonnell family if needed.

The question arose regarding this support group, should they be a sub committee of their own, or continue under the guidance of PHM? Carol will follow up with members.

A meeting of all of the Ministry Teams will be scheduled on Sunday, June 10 following the 9:30 am service and to include a light "Thank you for volunteering" luncheon. Each Team will be responsible to indicate how many members of its Team will be attending.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM with the Lord's prayer.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 5, 2007 at 7:00 pm.

Carole Hamersly