Mission WIN Team – Meeting Minutes

Date: 8/13/18, 6:30 pm

Attendees: Autumn Dennis, John Himple, Liz Shuburte, Moe Parisien, Lisa Fetters

Opening Prayer

Minutes:

Autumn mentioned that a Survey Monkey online survey was conducted for a shorter time period than anticipated. She is going to revisit this with Phil Wiseman to see if we can extend the timeframe to allow us to determine if we have interest from the congregation to support a Literacy Program for children and youth in the Parkway, Rockwood and Valley Park school districts.

On 7/25 members of the Mission WIN Team met with Mike Clement in preparation for his meeting with Parkway Superintendent, Dr. Keith Marty on Friday, 7/27. Dr. Marty is interested in exploring the prospects of selecting perhaps a single school in the Parkway District that Manchester UMC volunteers could assist with in remedial reading programs. The OASIS program will likely be the model by which Manchester UMC would could fashion a Literacy/Reading Program.

Moe has tried to meet with Adil Imdal from the Islamic Foundation on a couple of occasions; however so far both meetings have been cancelled. Adil is a volunteer at the Islamic Foundation and responsible for organizing outreach and mission programing. Moe is still reaching out in hopes of setting up a future time to meet to discuss opportunities for Manchester UMC to partner with the Islamic Foundation on various mission programs.

<u>Personal Care Essentials</u>: Cindy and Autumn are involved with this ministry. The items collected go to the Circle of Concern in Valley Park We will continue to collect all of the items that we have been; however only toilet paper will have a specific goal on a monthly basis.

Very few families accept all 5 items offered (Shampoo, Razors, Shaving Cream, Tampons and Toilet Paper).

On 9/27 at 8 AM there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Choice Program at Circle of Concern. This program allows families to choose items at Circle of Concern. More like a "shopping" experience vs. set list of items given to clients.

Discussion about online giving for the Personal Essentials Ministry as an ongoing recurring financial gift. John is going to follow up with Mary Petit to see if this is a possibility.

Everyone is asked to please look at the report that was given to the Leadership Board, to see if the timeframe is reasonable for reaching our goals. Please reply back to Moe by 8/20.

John reached out to the City of Ballwin and the City of Valley Park and they mentioned the main focus is to fix streets.

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Literacy Programs for schools. Liz mentioned that Brenda Stobbe, Director of Children's Ministries, at Living Word United Methodist Church, may be a resource as we explore this area. Liz offered to follow up with Brenda. Liz is also going to bring a book about partnering with schools to our next meeting.

Autumn mentioned the name of Jackie (?) as being the Ministry Leader for Food 4 Kids, at the Lafayette Church of Christ. There is currently a discussion that for instance the Ballwin Police Department would place barrels at their location, and "compete" with other organizations in the area to collect food for this program.

Liz mentioned the MO HOPE Project and the possibility of having it at MUMC at a later date in relation to a program on Narcan.

John shared an article about Bel-Nor. It talked about the need for resources to help maintain property.

Autumn described rice bags that can be assembled that feed a family of 6. It would offer an educational opportunity for outreach. Midwest Mission provides all of the supplies needed. The completed rice bags which include instructions, are sent on an international and national basis.

Moe highlighted the Personal Essentials Ministry and Adopt a School, literacy program as 2 key ministries that will allow the Missions WIN Team and the related volunteers to achieve the Missions goal of touching 1,000 lives by 2021.

Autumn mentioned that on 9/8 the Missouri Church Conference will have an all-day live stream program, led by Tina Harris.

The OASIS Program, is a program that involves attentive listening while children read. Briefly talked about this and it was mentioned that Mark and Susie Lashley have participated in this.

John offered to research a school in Kansas City, Missouri relating to the success of the literacy program that was adopted by the Church of the Resurrection.

Moe mentioned he would follow up with Mike Clement and possible social work opportunity that might become an expansion of the Literacy Program at one of Parkway's schools.

Autumn is going to follow-up with Food 4 Kids and the "satellite locations". She is also going to follow up with Phil Wiseman regarding the literacy program.

Next meeting is **Sunday**, **9/16 at 12:15 PM in Room TBD**.

Respectfully Submitted: Lisa Fetters

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