

MISSIONS WIN TEAM SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Sunday, September 16, 2018, 12:15 pm

In attendance: Moe Parisien, Liz Shuburte, John Himpel, Cindy Steiner and Cindy Wolk

The meeting opened by welcoming Cindy Steiner as a new member on the Missions WIN Team. Minutes from the August meeting were then reviewed and approved.

Action Item Updates:

Moe connected with Adil Imdal (Islamic Foundation) and had a fruitful discussion. They covered a dozen items, including some literacy needs that Adil's organization has. Moe offered MUMC's ESL classes and advised Adil of other ESL locations in the area. Another need expressed was access to reasonably-priced mental health care. Moe connected Adil with the Center for Counseling & Pastoral Care. Making these connections led the WIN Team to discuss how valuable it is to simply connect groups with specific needs to those who can help. It is hard if not impossible to track the number of lives served in this manner, but these connections are important regardless of tracking ability. The team discussed the possibility of creating a database similar to the NextDoor app with which we would connect MUMC resources with people in need. There are liability concerns around this idea, but it is hoped those concerns wouldn't prevent the concept from moving forward.

John talked with Mary Pettit about the possibility of congregants directing donations over and above their pledge amounts to a specific ministry, such as Personal Essentials. Mary said it can be done; whenever they receive an electronic withdrawal they manually look up where it should go based on a spreadsheet. **Cindy will talk with Jim/Autumn further about this.**

Liz has a meeting with Tina Harris (MO Conference representative for Literacy Program) on September 22nd. **She will ask if we can partner with a specific elementary school on a literacy program, and also talk with Mike Clement** to see how his meeting with the Parkway Superintendent went. We can also connect with OASIS to avoid recreating the wheel.

The team discussed possibly partnering with Green Trails UMC or other churches in the area to share a portion of Sneakers with Soul collection. This discussion led to the Little Bit Foundation who serves 33 schools. Maybe we can use them as our "bridge" into schools we've been unable to get responses from. Little Bit already has established relationships with these schools that we could leverage. **Moe has previously met with their Executive Director (Rose Hanley) and will ask her about this concept.**

We have received the raw data from the Literacy Survey sent to MUMC members, but the response rate was low and it has not yet been summarized. More to come.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Wolk

The next WIN Team meeting is Sunday, October 21st at 12:15 in Room 221.