

First Presbyterian Church of Ballston Spa

Mission and Community Outreach Team

Meeting Minutes: October 21, 2018

Present: Bev Davis, Marty Davis, Justina Danison, John Parker, Meg Knight

The meeting opened with prayer at 11:35 am.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Bag Ministry

- ***Sign-ups at Food Pantries: Oct. 24- Nov.12***

Justina will create new tickets and application forms, Bev and Meg will number tickets & applications and create application books for use at the 3 pantries. Justina will also create sign-up lists for volunteers to help at food pantries and work on receiving and distributing bags.

- ***Distribution of Bags and Contents Lists: October 22-24***

Justina will create revised list of bag contents and ask Ken Killian if he can provide more bags.

Bev and Meg will attach lists to bags and count for distribution; Justina will distribute bags to Baptist church; Meg will distribute bags to Methodist and Episcopal churches; Justina will prepare announcements for churches to use in bulletins and send release to local press.

- ***Receiving Bags and Shopping for missing items: Nov. 18***
- ***Distributing Full Bags: Nov. 19***

Bev and Justina will head up these operations and recruit volunteers.

Scotties Pantry: Meg will deliver food items collected over the summer for Scotties Pantry and discuss Christmas break bags and other needs with Cathy Roy.

Update: After the meeting we provided \$500 from the Love-in-Action budget line for Spirit Week t-shirts and winter coats for middle- and high-school students, at the request of Cathy Roy. Food was also delivered to the high-school pantry.

Budget: All 2018 mission commitments have been paid. Balance remaining: Love-in-Action \$675;

Discretionary \$1,538. It is our aim to use all funds by the end of the year.

After the church's 2019 budget is set, we will revisit our budget and plan for 2019 spending. Bev reported on her conversation with the program director at CAPTAIN concerning the possibility of our coming alongside to assist homeless youth in danger of being trafficked. John asked us to consider supporting Covenant House an international charity that has programs for trafficked people in New York City.

Minute for Mission: Bev will contact SOS concerning Hunger & Homelessness Awareness & Code Blue for Nov. 11 talk.

Christmas: Justina will see if we can join Christ Church toy ministry, perhaps focusing on gifts for older kids, as ministry to replace Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box ministry.

Adjourned with prayer at 12:15

Respectfully submitted, Meg Knight

NEXT MEETING: December 2 after church