

Outreach Team Meeting Minutes - November 21, 2011

Present: Pr. Maurice, Kathy Gruett, Patti Lutzke, Marie Rein

OLD BUSINESS:

CROP WALK - The final report of statistics from this year's Walk were shared. A total of \$6,577 was raised; \$1,644.25 will go to the Merrill Food Pantry. The check will be sent to Our Saviour's; we will present it to the Pantry. Our total costs were under \$50; we had budgeted \$75. Marie had talked with other Walk participants and it was agreed to hold the Walk again next year; Our Saviour's will again coordinate. A chairperson is needed whose name and address should be sent to the regional office as soon as possible.

HUNGER POTLUCK - Between 50 and 60 people attended; \$220 was collected. Patti reported that the speaker from Thrivent had done a good job. Marie will find out where to send the proceeds.

OSLC BROCHURE - Pr. Maurice and Jamie will complete the brochure. It will be printed by Rebecca.

NEW BUSINESS:

HOMETOWN GREETINGS - Pr. Maurice was contacted with the news that Hometown Greetings has been bought by a new company and will be starting their work again of greeting those new to Merrill, as well as welcoming the families with new babies. We have enough money in the budget to cover several months. Marie will ask Shirley Engel if she will again be our caller.

HOLIDAY BASKETS - Because of the late date, it was decided to do a combined Thanksgiving/Christmas basket this year. Our committee is so very small that Marie suggested that her circle might be willing to help fill and deliver baskets.

Patti had done some research to find out if there existed in the community other holiday outreach projects we could assist with. She reported that Christ United Methodist Church is seeking ways to expand their outreach; we are invited to meet with them and Denis McCarthy of St. Vincent's on Monday, December 5 to discuss ideas.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT APPEAL- We will again take part in this community-wide project. It was decided to pick up 25 tags for our congregation to choose from. Tags will go on tree in narthex by weekend of Nov. 26.

POCKET ID - This will be a January project. Rebecca has begun work on it.

BUDGET - 2012 budget will be essentially the same as 2011, with the addition of

\$125 for the use of Eagles Club for a Breaking Bread Meal. Kathy Gruett will call Sue Norenberg at St. Vincent's to find out open dates. {Kathy reported Tuesday, Nov. 22 that *May, June, July, September, November, & December are available.*}

Patti Lutzke is moving out of town and will no longer be able to serve on our team. The team thanked her for all of her contributions during her tenure.

Next meeting: Monday, December 19 at 6:30 in Youth Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Rein
Substituting for Dona Leitzke