

MINUTES

Date: Sept 1, 2011 Time: 11:00 AM

Location: First United Methodist Church 1526 E. Wooster St. BG.

Welcome and Opening Prayer – Erin Hachtel

Attending – Erin Hachtel – First United Methodist Jo Tutolo – St. Aloysius
Rev. Robert Barr – Salvation Army Captain Stephanie Larrick – Salvation Army
Bill Thompson – UCF Leslie Cady – Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Norm Almanson – Dayspring Mary Jane Fulcher – St. Thomas More
Wib Miller – BG Food Pantry Brent Pomeroy – First Christian

Introductions Captain Stephanie from the Salvation Army was introduced. This was her first meeting with us

Old business: Turn in Church Data Sheets

Connection/follow-up with clients – there are plenty of cards to do follow up calls. Jo says they have a few more volunteers so this is going OK. More volunteers needed.

Job fair info – flyers shared with info. Spots still available. Call **1-888-LDSJOBS** for a reservation

New Business

Moving to Salvation Army office located on N. Main St. 419 352-5918

The Salvation Army volunteers will be handling the intake and phase 1. They will refer to WAM if it is a good fit for them. The Salvation Army has been handling monthly 200 – 250 asking for help with about half of them being served. The Salvation Army has received from FEMA about \$34,000 for utilities and \$10,000 but this money won't last long. There is lots of need in BG.

Fall collaborations:

Coat drive – Leslie Cady offered to send out the flyers to the churches who have participated in the food and school supplies drives.

Food drive – Erin Hachtel volunteered to be the point person. She will get the word out to all the churches. We will again do the *Feed the 5000*. Each church is asked to count the cans when finished so we know how close we come to the 5000 items of food. This will be held from now until mid October. We discussed adopt a food pantry for some churches but felt more help would be received through the Feed the 5000. Another suggestion was to have a monthly Fast Sunday where church members are encouraged to Fast for one or two meals and then donate the \$ or food they would have spent to feed the poor.

Financial report from Emergency Relief Fund - no report available but no new appointments will be made until the move is complete (sometime beginning of September) WAM will still be connecting people in need to agencies, as needed.

Service report from other ministries

The Furniture Pantry located at St. Mark's is in great need of furniture donations. Everything from beds, couches and dishes are sorely needed. Call 419 353-9305 for pick up.

St. Thomas More / St. Vincent DePaul – numbers are up during the summer since schools are out.
June 2011 – families 96, seniors 23, adults 177, children 107 for a total of 307 people helped in June.
July 2011 - families 86, seniors 24, adults 144, children 115 for a total of 283 people helped in July.

BG Christian Food Pantry reports that they served 387 which is an all time record.
The needs are definitely out there.

- Next Meeting – **Oct 6, 11 AM at the Salvation Army office**
- Closing Prayer – Erin Hachtel