

Wood County Area Ministries

October 1, 2009 Meeting

at First Presbyterian Church

Present: Mike Soboleski, Gabrielle Chapman, Ernie Unholz, Barb Whitman, Don Niefer, Erin Hachtel; Judy Long; Gary Saunders; Kady Wolfe; Dan Vellinga; Mari Knuth and Heather Utsler from BGSU office of Service Learning, Jennifer Karno, BGSU Social Workers Club

We discussed when we could hold the Bridges Over Poverty Workshop. It looks like we will try to find a time in January. Kady Wolfe will check to see if space is available in the BGSU student union on a Saturday in January. We discussed whether we wanted to do the workshop just for WAM board members or for the larger community. We also discussed whether we should hold the workshop with the poverty simulation part or just do the morning workshop. Ernie felt it would be impossible for him to give up a whole day for both parts of the workshop. We left it open as to whether we would do both parts of the workshop. We left the discussion with the question: What are we doing the training for, ourselves or members of our congregation. *(I checked with Craig and his original idea for the training was for the WAM Council so that we would have a common understanding. He also recommended that the training should be done in parts not on the same day and everyone should participate in both parts.)*

We discussed the proposed referral forms for sending clients from the churches to the Link. We decided to use the short form and table the longer form until we decide how much information we want. It was suggested that we list on the form the agencies or individuals that the client is willing to have the form released to.

We then discussed centralization of funds. St Als agreed to be the central place where funds from churches and donations for WAM can be sent. The account can be listed as WAM in St. Al's bookkeeping. Churches will take turns balancing the WAM checkbook each month and churches will also take turns with the yearly audit

There is a maximum of \$500.00 which one client can receive in a year. Also WAM volunteers can call up churches that haven't put their money in the centralized account.

There was no coordinators report because Craig had a test in one of his classes and could not attend this meeting.

Bill Thompson