

Wood County Area Ministries Minutes

Date: October 7, 2010

Location:: First United Methodist Church Bowling Green.

Attendance:

Norm Almanson, Dayspring
Judy Long, First Presbyterian
Erin Hachtel, FUMC
Don Neifer, St. Mark's
Wib Miller, BG Christian Food Pantry
Mary Jane Fulcher, St. Thomas More
Helen Dukes, BG Ministerial Association
Bob Barr, Salvation Army
Jo Tutolo, St. Aloysius Catholic Church
Denise Foos, St Aloysius Catholic Church

Erin passed out the Mission and Vision statements for the organization and asked everyone present to reflect on these in the next month and come prepared to discuss their own ideas at the November WAM meeting:

- About how to equip members to serve
- How to organize members to serve the underserved,
- How to meet the basic needs of people in our community
- How to help people live self sufficient lives
- How to help people live spiritually fulfilling lives.

Feed the 5000 Erin proposed that WAM consider collecting 5000 pounds of tuna in WAM churches during Lent and donate the food to a food pantry. It was suggested that WAM give the food to each food bank in the WAM network. This was offered as an example of organizing WAM members to serve the underserved.

Financial Report: Denise Foos reported that during the month of September WAM received \$2,373.33 in donations and distributed \$2,471.44 to 19 to needy families. (13 for assistance with utilities, 3 for rent assistance, 2 for prescriptions and 1 for eyeglasses) The current balance on hand is \$0.38.

WAM Office Report: Jo Tutolo reported that the office volunteers have been very busy helping clients but as of today they are caught up on data entry and also follow-up calls. A meeting for all volunteers who make follow-up calls was set for October 27, 2010 at 7:30p.m.at the First United Methodist Church.

Salvation Army Report:

- November 1st the applications for Christmas assistance will be accepted for the Food and Gift Clearing House.

- This has been a busy time with the distribution of utilities assistance. Salvation Army received \$38,000 and has distributed all but \$6,000 of their allotment.
- A Salvation Army Awareness Day is being planned for late February and the goal will be to make the community more aware of the poor and homeless in our community so that people can be better able to minister to these people.
- Boxes to collect coats for kids are now in place in the community. Long's cleaners is again cleaning the coats. The goal is to collect 200 coats.

Dayspring Report: "A Christmas Dream" is for each person attending to Christmas play at Dayspring to bring one item off non-perishable food for donation to the Christian Food Pantry. This may add up to be 4,500 food items.

BG Ministerial Newsletter: Please send any announcements of events for services being offered in your faith community to Helen Dukes.

Trinity United Methodist Church Rummage sale is coming up soon. Call the church office for details.

Trivent Financial Lutheran Brotherhood Funds: Contact Wib Miller to find out more about completing an application for an opportunity to receive benevolent matching funds for a community event that you are planning.

Christian Food Pantry Report: Wib Miller reported that they are low on food and money at this time.

WAM Food Pantry Reports: Submitted to the Secretary

Households	Children	Adults	Seniors	Total	
75	91	132	10	233	September
63	43	112	15	170	St. Als Food
					STM Food
					October
61	72	108	17	197	STM Food

Pam Butler, Wood County Health Commissioner gave a presentation on the Wood County Health District. Pam reported on many of the 101 services that are offered by the 60 employees of the Health District. The District has provided 90 years of service and is now composed of 125,000 people and covers 627 square miles. The Health District has a .5 Replacement Levy on the November 2010 ballot

and Pam asked for the members of WAM's support for the Levy. 4 HEALTH is the slogan for the upcoming levy campaign.

Next meeting will be on November 4, 2010. At 4:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Bowling Green.

2010-2011 Meeting Dates:

All meetings are at 4:00 p.m.

December 2nd

January 6th

February 3rd

March 3rd

April 7th

May 5th

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Jane Fulcher