

## Wood County Area Ministries Minutes

**Date:** June 2, 2011      **Location:** St. Al's Catholic Church

**Attendance:** Erin Hachtel, First United Methodist Church  
Don Neifer, St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
Katdy Wolfe United Christian Fellowship  
Mary Jane Fulcher, St. Thomas University Parish  
Bob Barr, Salvation Army  
Jo Tutolo St. Al's Catholic Church  
Denise Foos, St. Al's Catholic Church  
Helen Dukes, Bowling Green Ministerial Association (BGMA)  
Wib Miller, Bowling Green Christian Food Pantry  
Norm Almason, Dayspring Assembly of God

### Reports on Ministries:

**Financial Report from the Emergency Relief Fund:** The March, April and May financial reports were distributed by Denise Foos. The BGMA sponsored Good Friday collection was earmarked for WAM. Erin spoke on behalf of WAM at the service, Pastor Brent Pomeroy from BGMA invited Erin to speak at the service. WAM is very grateful for the \$2,500 collection at the service.

**WAM Office:** Jo and Kady reported that they now have new volunteer workers in the office which has been very helpful. A new intake form has been created. On the form the people are informed that all information must be filled out to be considered for assistance.

**St. Mark's Lutheran Church:** Don reported the following:

**Furniture Pantry:** Is currently well supplied and looking at expanding their space.

**Car Donation Program:** St. Marks has a car donation program that benefits the women in the Cocoon Shelter in Bowling Green. Don reminded the group that cars are accepted in to this program even if they need to be towed. Some cars are sold and the money is used to pay for 6 months car insurance.

**Christian Food Pantry:** Wib reported that the pantry has recently benefited from both the Feed the 5000 food pantry collection and the post office food collection. They are well supplied with food at this time.

**Habitat for Humanity:** Is looking for more applications for houses from people who are able to qualify for a loan

**St. Tomas More University Parish, Food Pantry:** Mary Jane reported that they were very pleased with the Moving Out Do Not Throw it Out program at BGSU. The pantry was very grateful for the food received. In May food from STM Pantry was

distributed to 277 people which included 97 children and 22 seniors. The need for food continues to be great in our community.

### **Salvation Army**

Kids for Camp program is June 17<sup>th</sup>. This program is open to girls and boys from 6 to 12 years of age. All expenses are paid by the Salvation Army and currently there are openings. If interested, have the family call Bob at the Salvation Army.

**Salvation Army Expanding Services:** As of July 1, 2011, the Emergency Assistance program for rent, utilities, gas and food which has been handled by the LINK will now be handled by the Salvation Army. The people needing assistance will call the LINK and be referred to the Salvation Army. A person at the Salvation Army will be on call 24 hours a day. Details on this transfer of money and responsibilities are still currently being worked out. The EFSB funds have not yet been allocated. The LINK will still be an information and referral service and the WAM Financial Emergency Assistance people will continue to use office space, computer, phone etc. at the LINK office.

**Columbia Gas Funds: and AEP funds for** gas and utilities are currently still available in limited amounts for specific use and Bob Barr should be contacted.

**School Supply Collection:** Bob and Leslie from the Church of Latter Day Saints will get together and get an announcement out to WAM members about the school supplies needed to fill the Salvation Army Back Pack program.

**Dayspring Assembly of God Church** s having a 5K race on July 2, 2011 at 7:30 a.m. Registration before the day of the race is \$15 and \$20 the day of the race.

### **UCF Common Good House Support Group:**

Kady reported that calls are being made to people who called WAM for help inviting them to participate in a meal and support group.

### **Elections of WAM Officers for the 2011 2012 year were opened for nominations.**

**Chair** Don nominated Erin Hachtel. Erin accepted the nomination with the understanding that the meeting time would need to be changed to earlier in the day.

**Vice Chair:** Erin nominated Don Neifer and he accepted.

**Secretary:** Mary Jane stated that she would prefer not to be Secretary due to her inability to always be available for meeting earlier in the day.

Erin will send the ballot out to all members of the WAM organization by Email to seek further nominations and votes.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Fulcher