

Wood County Area Ministries

People in attendance:

Kimberlie Morris, Computers for Charity; Dave Thompson, Perrysburg Alliance; Dennis Gugger, BG Alliance; Rev. Robert Barr, Salvation Army; Toneisha Scot, Salvation Army; Gabrielle Chaapman, Ohio Benefit Bank; Don Neifer, St. Marks Lutheran; Erin Hachtel, First UMC; Barb Whitman, St. Aloysius; Mary Jane Fulcher, St. Vincent DePaul; Judy Long, First Presbyterian BG; Bob Versteeg, BG Food Pantry; Craig McAdams, WAM Coordinator; Helen Dukes; Bill Thompson, UCF

Don N moved acceptance of the minutes, Erin seconded

People present exchanged information:

BG Food Pantry, (the pantry has a surplus so they could give extra food to other pantries in the county

The Link screens people and refers people to WAM if no social service agency can help them.

Homeaid is working on providing housing for homeless – WSOS also provides housing for homeless. St. Marks First Methodist Plain Congregational And St. Als helped with housing this past month.

Furniture comes and goes quite quickly at St. Marks

Deacons closet is expanding and working out the issues caused by that expansion. UCF also has a free clothing exchange.

St Al's is in the process of working out its relationship with WAM and will eventually send the names of their clients to WAM.

There is a Bud's Fund for school clothing and supplies, which comes through the BG mayors office and school nurses.

It was suggested that those who haven't been trained by *No Wrong Door* should go to the next training because this training gives information about all the social services in Wood County.

Great Foods is up and running at First Christian.

Computers for Charity sent its first 43 Laptops to the Philippines. They need volunteers to work on computers. If you know people who need computers call Jeff Kill 419 807 8015. WAM has a websight created by Jeff Kill.

Salvation Army is waiting for federal money to arrive.....

The WAM Outreach committee (Bill, Mike, Craig, Gabrielle) reported that Gabrielle is doing most of the work of contacting Wood County churches to encourage them to become involved in WAM

Craig McAdams reported:

In July the Link had 40 calls for rent -14 were referred to WAM 84 calls for utilities – 17 were referred to WAM 71 calls for Housing (meaning they were either being evicted or are looking for shelter) – 2 were referred to WAM

In July WAM had 29 clients and assisted 9 Of those 29 clients 10 clients needed rent – assisted 4 3 needed Gas – assisted 1 14 needed electric – assisted 3 2 were being evicted – assisted 1

Money WAM gave out:	Rent	\$250
	Gas	\$377
	Electric	\$330
	Eviction	\$30
	Total	\$937

Money clients needed:	Rent	\$6,550
	Gas	\$1,250
	Electric	\$2,150
	Eviction	\$3,000
	Car Insurance	\$150
	Total	\$13,100

Three of the four people we assisted with rent we paid their rent in full. We paid one person's gas bill in full. We paid three people's gas bill in full.

St. Marks FUM, Plain Cong. St. Rose, King's Daughters, Christ United Methodist, and the Salvation Army contributed financial to help our clients.

Helen stated that she feels that we need to develop a better structure to define more clearly the relationships among the churches and the clients.

Erin, Don, Craig and Helen agreed to work on job description.

The WAM board voted that the WAM officers would have one year terms with a three year limit to serve on the board.

The next meeting of WAM is Thursday, September 3 at 4 PM at ?

Treasurer, Bill Thompson