

Wood County Area Ministries Minutes

Date: August 6, 2010

Location: First Presbyterian Church, Bowling Green

Attendance: Erin Hachtel, FUM, Mary Jane Fulcher, St. Vincent DePaul, Jo Tutolo, St. Aloysius, Don Neifer, St. Mark's Lutheran, Robert Barr, Salvation Army, Judith Long, First Presbyterian, Dan Vellinga, Plain Congregational, Norm Almanson, Day Spring, Helen Dukes, Bowling Green Ministerial Association, Patricia Msgrow, Salvation Army, North Baltimore, Bill Thompson, UCF and Lyndsey Dougherty, UCF Americorp

Erin reported that the Executive Committee of WAM met and goals for the year were agreed upon and listed on the agenda for this meeting. Under goals for the year Erin announced that Pam Butler will be the guest speaker at the October meeting and the meeting will be held at the First United Methodist Church.

Churches will be invited to join WAM and the goal will be to have 5 new churches in the WAM network this year.

Erin announced that she has spoken to Bill Ryan about an article in the Sentinel Tribune. Erin will re contact Bill after the Wood County Fair.

Arrangements have been made to visit the Perrysburg United Food Pantry on August 19, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. Everyone present was invited to attend this visit and this will be a way to learn about church networks in Wood County.

In an effort to share the story of our different and distinct outreach efforts, Mary Jane Fulcher will collect and distribute to members information about our efforts. All information should be sent to Mary Jane for inclusion in a monthly report.

The Follow-up calls to everyone who has contacted WAM for help are going well and presently the volunteers have caught up with the back log of calls. People are being asked about their current needs and if they would like to be contacted by a church.

Bridges Out of Poverty: A task force is needed to plan this event.. The Task Force 's work would be to select a speaker, date, location and format.

Helen Dukes passed out a memo indicating her intention of resigning from her position as Coordinator of the Wood County Area Ministries. Helen plans to continue to represent the Bowling Green Area Ministries.

Pastor Dan Vellinga is leaving Wood County to enter a Chaplaincy program at Mercy St. Vincent Hospital in Toledo. Dan's contact information is Daniel.Vellinga@yahoo.com, 1935 County Trace Lane, Toledo, OH 43615

2010-2011 Meeting Dates:**All meetings are at 4:00 p.m.**

September 2 nd	St. Thomas More	February 3 rd
October 7 th	First United Methodist	March 3 rd
November 4 th		April 7 th
December 2 nd		May 5 th
January 6 th		June 2 nd

Ministry Reports

Households	Children	Adults	Seniors	Total	July
63	71	109	13	193	STM Food
88	94	133	33	260	St Als Food

Food Pantries Reporting Information**Ministry information for UCF:**

We have moved into a new house which we are calling the Common Good, It is located at 113 Crim. We are offering a support group for WAM clients at the Common Good which will be led by Lyndsey Dougherty. The group will begin meeting soon on Tuesdays at 7 PM.

We sponsor other programs for and with the community. We do this by hiring four student interns who coordinate and recruit volunteers for four programs:

- 1) Two community gardens, which are located at Peace Lutheran and First Methodist.
- 2) After school programs at Kenwood and Crim schools sponsored by the Wood County Educational Serviced Center,
- 3) the Common Good which we are developing as a center to equip volunteers, especially students to do volunteer work in the community,
- 4) WAM Thanks Bill Thompson

Ministry Information from the Deacons Shop. (First Presbyterian Church, Bowling Green

For over 40 years we've been giving out clothing to anyone who comes in to pick it out. We never charge anything. We put out a pad for people to sign in if they wish, but otherwise we ask no questions. We have some wonderful folks who care about the clients and treat them with respect and good humor. We served something like 300 people in August in our Thursday, 9:30 – 11 a.m. slot. Our WAM church partners know about the shop, and refer people to us both to drop off clothes and to come get them. They also put their energies into other types of ministry, rather than setting up a duplicate program. The hardest work is the sorting of clothes, which come in all week long, on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Rev. Gary Saunders

St. Mark's Furniture Ministry in July

17 pieces of furniture delivered to 4 households. 7 people donated furniture. BGSU donated many mattresses.

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Jane Fulcher