

# SEPTEMBER WAM MEETING

September 3, 2009

4:00p.m.

St Thomas More University Parish

## **People in attendance:**

~~Jeff Kill, Computers for Charity~~; Mary Knuth, BGSU Office of Service Learning; Deb Conklin, Peace Lutheran; Dave Thompson, Perrysburg Alliance; Rev. Robert Barr, Salvation Army; Brent Pomeroy, First Christian; Mike Soboleski, Dayspring; 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, UCF (WAM Coordinator); Helen Dukes BGMA (Chairperson). Bill Thompson, UCF (Secretary), Dan Vellinga, Plain Congregational; Ernie Unholz, Rudolph Christian, Jo Tutolo, St Aloysius; Kady Wolfe UCF

Chairperson Helen Dukes called upon Ernie Unholz to open with prayer.

Don Neifer moved acceptance of the minutes, Erin Hachtel seconded

## **People present exchanged information:**

Task force on Job description is not ready to report.

Brent Pomeroy suggested that we set up a separate fund for WAM that churches and individuals could contribute to. A meeting was scheduled to discuss centralization of funds. A policy will be arrived at to determine who gets aid from WAM.

Creating a referral form for WAM was discussed.

Bill Thompson was asked to send a request in writing for \$100.00 to participating WAM churches to pay the salary of WAM's coordinator.

Craig McAdams described how WAM could move to the next step of building better relationships with churches and clients by scheduling a Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop. St. Marks volunteered space for the workshop in late October or November.

Mary Knuth of BGSU Office of Service Learning reported on her interest in involving volunteers from BGSU in what WAM is doing. She also described Volunteer Solutions of United Way as a data bank of volunteers and volunteer sights.

The next meeting is Thursday, October 1 at 4 PM

## **Craig McAdams reported:**

In August the Link had 45 calls for rent -18 were referred to WAM

69 calls for utilities – 13 were referred to WAM

68 calls for Housing (meaning they were either being evicted or are looking for shelter) – 11 were referred to WAM

Link had 111 calls for food - none were referred to WAM

In July WAM had 32 clients and assisted 11.

Of those 32 clients 11 clients needed rent – assisted 2

4 needed Gas Bill– assisted 0

9 needed electric – assisted 6

1 needed furniture – assisted 1

1 needed Prescriptions – assisted 1

2 needed gasoline for car – assisted 1  
8 clients were facing eviction – assisted 1

Money WAM gave out:	Rent	\$153
	Gas	0
	Electric	\$736.05
	Prescriptions	\$74.80
	Eviction	\$30
	Gasoline	\$50
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1013.93</b>
Total amount not assisted:	Rent	\$6,547.17
	Gas	\$625.14
	Electric	\$736.05
	Eviction	\$4,522.17
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,725.31</b>

One of the two people we assisted with rent we paid their rent in full. We paid six people's electric bills in full. One person was given gasoline money. One person's prescription was paid in full.

St. Marks, First United Methodist, St. Aloysius, Salvation Army, and the North Baltimore Salvation Army contributed financial to help our clients.

The meeting concluded with Benediction

Bill Thompson, secretary

~~The next meeting of WAM is Thursday, September 3 at 4 PM at – (above)~~