

Date: July 18, 2013

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: First Presbyterian

Those in attendance –
Don Neifer – St. Mark's
Mary Jane Fulcher –
St. Thomas More
Leslie and Jim Cady –
Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter-day Saints
Norman Almanson –
Dayspring
Gary Saunders – First
Presbyterian co-pastor
Emmy Hann – First
Presbyterian
Jen Kephart – Project
Homeless Connect

Our Mission:

Through understanding, communication, compassion, and cooperation, Wood County Area Ministries, an interfaith network, will equip and organize its members to better serve the underserved in our community.

Our Vision:

Wood County Area Ministries seeks to meet the basic needs of the people in our community through faith and compassion by empowering them to live self-sufficient and spiritually fulfilled lives.

Wood County Area Ministries

- **Welcome – Don Niefer, chairperson**
- **Old Business:**

Get the word out that WAM exists and what we are doing. Gary Saunders volunteered to send e-mail about WAM to BG churches

Project Homeless Connect – Wednesday, Oct. 16 9:00 – 3:00. St. Mark's will host this first event but they are wanting and needing MANY volunteers from all over to make this a success. Jen Kephart, executive director for Habitat for Humanity of Wood County visited and explained the Project Homeless Connect program. *See attached handout.* Volunteers for 10 sub committees are needed. Church members PLEASE contact Jennifer with any support your church is willing to give.

Help with Nativity Festival – bring nativities and help set up

- **New Business:**

Sheriff's dept working with 1st Presbyterian Church on Disaster Crisis, violence that might happen in a church. Plans to hold training in the Fall 2013

Fr. Jason is the new pastor at St. Thomas More

Elections – we are seeking anyone interested in helping guide our program ahead. Please let us know if you are willing to help.

- **Updates from those present –**

St. Mark's – Furniture Pantry going well. They have wonderful volunteers that serve so many in the community each month.

First Presbyterian Church – Alternative school located here. Their students help sort clothes. Le Connexion where English is taught as a second language. This program helps connect them to services in the area that help Spanish speaking.

Deacon's Closet doing well

St. Thomas More – Food Pantry always in need of donations.

LDS – asked about tutoring kids with other churches. There are none right now but schools have tutoring program. Will check with them to see if help is needed.

- **Financial Report – Denise**

Three months reported (*See attached*)
Reports from April, May, and June

- **Service Report from Other Ministries**

Tools for Schools – 16 churches contributing to the collection this year. That is many more than last year. Leslie is reaching out to churches in outlying areas.

- **Next Meeting** – Thursday, October 17, 2013 **St. Mark's**
St. Thomas More for January Meeting