

Evergreen United Methodist Church Church & Society Meeting January 15, 2019

Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Ann Gerteis, Pem Dunn, Donna Mullins, Jeanne Ambrosier, Carolyn Hohne (chair), Jan Thurling, Katie Zapotoczny

1. **Movie Night – Mary Poppins Returns**

- Advertising - Happenings, bulletin, Great Escape; Carol has advertised in the *Canyon Courier* in the past. Is anyone willing to contact them?
- Date – April 5, 2019, 6:00-8:00pm; *Mary Poppins Returns*
- We will also bring coloring sheets/crayons for kids to use when they finish eating dinner.
- We need someone to run the sound booth; Lucca Sheilds ran it for the last Movie Night.

2. **Mountain Area Backpacks Update**

- Jeanne will get in touch with the Lutheran Church about a date to do another collection/drop off and check with Sarah Sailor about having the youth drop the food off.

3. **Joy International Planning**

• **April 27 – Community Awareness for JOY**

- Jan has been in touch with Gena Moran, the Executive Director of JOY; our Barefoot Mile will be the first BFM in the mountain community.
- Dr. Brodsky will speak to adults in the morning on April 27, 2019.
- Schedule:

9:30- coffee and a snack; have people sign in and put on a name tag; we will also have the opportunity to sign volunteers up for the Barefoot Mile at this time.

10:00-11:30- Dr. Brodsky's talk (similar to the talk in October); conclude by 11:30 with more refreshments to follow; people will also be able to speak further with Dr. Brodsky and to buy a copy of his book.

Afternoon- Dr. Brodsky will speak to youth in middle and high school; Dan (the youth leader at the Lutheran Church) and Sarah will serve lunch to youth; the youth portion of the program will finish by 2pm

- Sarah will reach out to other youth leaders in the community; emphasis of Dr. Brodsky's presentation to the youth will be on helping them to protect themselves.
- It was suggested that a parent permission slip might need to be required for youth to participate in this event. Jan will get more information on the content of Dr. Brodsky's message for the youth.
- Gena will do the flyers for the April 27 event.

Barefoot Mile – June 22, 2019 at Marshdale Park

- JOY International has set a goal of 300 walkers bringing in \$100 each.
- Each walker will have their own page on the BFM site where pledges can be donated; a question was raised about whether participants will be able to share to their page to social media or by email.
- JOY team- Tracy Atlas, Bill Graf, Dave Loomis, Carolyn, Jan, Ted Miller, Tanya Sweater, Arlene Sutherland; we decided that we need to get a few members from other churches/civic groups on the team as well.
- This team will meet monthly for the next few months; they are charged with speaking to civic/religious groups and soliciting sponsorships from businesses; their first meeting is on January 30 at 7pm; Jan has made handouts about the work of JOY, including talking points for the team. Jan will ask Jeanne to reach out to her four contacts and to invite a member from each of the churches/organizations that she is contacting to the meeting.
- Jan will present to the Evergreen Kiwanis on January 24, 2019.
- We also wondering if Pastor Deb could reach out to the mountain area clergy group about the April 27 event and the BFM.
- Other groups to reach out to: Evergreen Business Women, Chamber of Commerce, Evergreen Rotary.

- Other ways that people can help: parking attendant; pass out water.
 - There was some discussion about how best to reach out to other groups/churches. Jan sent a letter to local churches last fall regarding Dr. Brodsky's October presentation and did not get a response from any of them. We decided that reaching out to personal contacts would work better.
 - PR – there will be a feature in *Canyon Courier* in April; *Serenity* magazine and the My Hub section of the *Denver Post* were also suggested.
 - Carolyn will also create a FaceBook event.
 - Most importantly, please continue to pray for our efforts to support JOY.
4. **FYI - Womxn's March-** January 19, 2019 starting at the Civic Center in Denver; the theme this year is "giving a voice to those who don't have a voice"; last year there were 300,000 people; mainly focused on people in the U.S.

5. Evergreen Shelter Program

- There are two more trainings before program ends at end of March.
- Organizers of ESP would like to have a training on February 13 at 6:30-8:30 at UMCE; this will be a 2-hour training with Rabbi Jamie of Beth Evergreen.
- Volunteers must be vetted and get a background check before working with the guests.
- The meeting on the 13th will need to be approved and put on the church calendar.
- There was also a question about whether we'd need to provide refreshments during the training.

6. Achievements/Goals/Actions Discussion

- In the interest of time, this discussion was postponed until next month.

7. Review of Adult Ed Class on the Way Forward

- There was general agreement that this class went well and that it helped clarify for participants how the various plans before the special session of General Conference would work.

8. Other Items:

- The Trustees are working on an accessibility survey of the church to determine how we can make the church more accessible for all.
- There was a brief discussion about bringing back a program in which church members would pick people up for church who are not able to get there themselves.
- Ann Gerteis will do the notes/minutes for our next meeting on Tuesday, February 19.

Submitted by Katie Zapotoczny on January 16, 2019.