

Local Outreach Committee Meeting Minutes February 11, 2019

Attendees: Meghan Clayton, John Cornett, Sarah Grace Frary, Roy Geiger, Carl Gerhold, Jim Halstead, Jimmy Hamrick, Madelyn Larkin, Stephanie Slocum, Bob Stivender, and Holley Walling

Guest: None

Unable to Attend: Rick Carson (3e Restoration WUMC SLC) and Susan Cornett

1. Stephanie opened the meeting with the Local Outreach Prayer.
2. The meeting minutes from January 14, 2019 were accepted.
3. Priority Business
 - a. 3e Restoration (Jimmy): Our Friend is having some difficulties. More direct involvement is necessary from 3e, and specifics will be discussed with them.
 - b. Financial (Holley): The 2018 year-end financial report will be discussed in March as will the amount for the 2018 Local Outreach Advent beneficiaries: RIDES, Virginia Veterans Services Foundation, and Hospice House. The January distribution for the Virginia Peninsula Food Bank has been made, and the February distribution for Housing Partnerships was approved. 2019 Lenten beneficiaries for Local Outreach were determined to be Literacy for Life, Summer Meals for Kids, and Williamsburg House of Mercy.
 - c. 2018 Alternative Giving Fair (John): Thirty non-profit organizations participated. Over \$14,000 was donated.
 - d. Ministry Expansion (Stephanie): It was agreed that of the opportunities identified for Ministry Expansion, the first "group" to be organized will address local educational needs.
 - i. Education/job assistance (Bob): More support is needed in the Williamsburg area.
 - ii. W-JCC Schools (John): Needs that can be met by the WUMC congregation are being explored.
 - e. Wesley Campus Ministry's Campus Food Pantry: The Pilot began on January 23. Due to great leadership from Wesley students and Max Blalock--as well as support from William and Mary staff and administration--a high level of awareness has been created across campus.
4. New Business
 - a. Church Council Retreat (Roy/Meghan): The goal for WUMC is to grow from membership to discipleship. The retreat focused on movement toward mission orientation, service work alignment, making it simple, movement along the pathway, and radical hospitality. Local Outreach offers points of entry to grow discipleship with mission involvement opportunities.
 - b. The Local Outreach Strategic Planning summary report for 2018 was provided to the Church Council stating the Committee's progress toward the Plan's goals.

- c. The UMW's Candle-burning Ceremony will feature a presentation by Roy on the Local Outreach Committee's programs.
 - d. Tom Redmond, WUMC's new Director of Communications and Marketing, needs our help to provide more exposure for Local Outreach's activities.
5. Ministry Updates
- a. GWOM initiatives
 - i. Community Kitchen (Stephanie): The weekly Friday meals are running smoothly.
 - ii. Grace Haven Family Shelter (Carl): Two individuals are currently residing at the Shelter.
 - b. Wesley Campus Ministry/Foundation (Sarah Grace): There are many activities that Wesley students are involved in: Campus Food Pantry, spring mission trip to Atlanta, Shalom Farms Mission, Housing Partnerships, Hampton Roads Refugee Mission, Inter-faith Super Bowl party, and the upcoming Wesley Coffeehouse.
 - c. Associate Pastor Update (Meghan): N/A
6. Next meeting: Monday, March 11, 2019
7. A Closing Prayer was offered.