Local Outreach Committee Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2019

Attendees: Meghan Clayton, John Cornett, Carl Gerhold, Jim Halstead, Jimmy Hamrick, Madelyn Larkin, Stephanie Slocum, and Holley Walling
Guest: None
Unable to Attend: Sarah Grace Frary, Roy Geiger, and Bob Stivender

1. Stephanie opened the meeting with the Local Outreach prayer.
2. The meeting was started with the WUMC Strategic Plan focus question, as requested: "How is our committee work aligned with the Mission and Strategic Plan of the WUMC and the goal of welcoming visitors and fostering their movement toward membership and discipleship?" Local Outreach is consistently and proactively supportive of WUMC's Strategic Plan with its many mission-focused initiatives and discipleship-oriented service opportunities.
3. The meeting minutes from September 9th were accepted.
4. Priority Business
   a. Financial (Holley): All 2019 distributions of Local Outreach budgeted funds will be complete by November 30. The Advent beneficiaries from Local Outreach were selected: Scouts (who use WUMC as their headquarters), Respite, and Eastern State Chaplaincy.
   b. The Winter Coat collection is in need of more coats. (Holley)
   c. Kairos Prison Ministry (Holley): 116 dozen cookies were made for the October retreat, with others that may be donated by the congregation before the cookie pick-up. 250 spiritual placements were also sent.
   d. 3e Restoration (Jimmy): Our Friend in Need is doing very well.
   e. Ministry Expansion:
      i. Education/job assistance (Bob): No report.
      ii. W-JCC Schools (John): Principals and Guidance Counselors have been contacted without identifying an opportunity. Different approaches will be pursued.
   f. Summer Meals for Kids (Stephanie): Five church sites including WUMC prepared the meals over the eleven weeks. Over 5,500 meals were supplied versus almost 2,600 in 2018. All WUMC meal preparation and packaging ran smoothly thanks in great part to Ailish Bova, a Wesley resident, and many volunteers from our congregation.
   g. Next Ministries
      i. Thanksgiving (Holley): Meal preparation will take place on the morning of November 28, and volunteers are being scheduled. Our chefs from last year are returning. Orange shopping lists will be distributed on four Sundays starting October 27.
      ii. Winter Shelter (Carl): The dates are December 8th through the 15th. Shift leaders are being recruited. Details will be in the November Messenger.
iii. Alternative Giving Fair (John): The Fair will be held on Sunday, December 8, from 9:15 to 11 and 12 to 1. Local Outreach will have their banner at the Fair as a sponsor but not a table.

5. New Business
   a. 2020 Budget Update (Stephanie): The amount of the Local Outreach budget should be known before the end of the month.
   b. There will be no Local Outreach meeting in December.

6. Ministry Updates
   a. GWOM initiatives
      i. Grace Haven Family Shelter (Carl): Two adults and one baby are currently residing at the Shelter.
      ii. Caring for Our Community: A Forum on Homelessness and Housing Insecurity will be sponsored by GWOM in October.
   b. Wesley Campus Ministry/Campus Food Pantry (Sarah Grace): No report.
   c. Associate Pastor Update (Meghan): No report.

7. Next meeting: Monday, November 11, 2019

8. A Closing Prayer was offered.