

**Mission Minutes – First United Methodist Church
August 1, 2017**

Attending: Chairpersons Karin Delaney and Pam Erickson, Pastor Jeremiah, Roger Williams, Julie Monroe, Martha DiCicco

A pre-meeting was held with Gwen Stephenson, Marcy Ortega and Becky Magrum discussing some Angel House issues. A release of information is attached to these minutes to discuss one of the Angel House families. In addition, we mentioned some concerns we had about communication. Marcy is now carrying an emergency phone on weekends as well. Also we can e-mail her at mortega@honservice.org

Minutes

June minutes were approved.

Old Business

Laura Morgan talked with us about the Truscott School Supply Drive for Teachers. There is a list of items suggested that is in the August Profile and will be at a donation spot. The items are ones that teachers generally end up buying with their own money. Karin has written an article for The Profile and will write articles for The Window and make a sign to put up at the collection spot. Karin will also put any monetary donations in the safe following the 11:00 service. Laura will take donated items to the school. She also mentioned that there may be a need if we would want to do this again in January or February.

Mefors

Pam reported that \$481 in cash was donated by the congregation to our Zimbabwe missionaries, Emmanuel and Florence Mefor, for their project of feeding and aiding the elderly and abandoned near their hospital. In addition, \$475 in checks were sent to the Conference Itineration Fund.

Foundation Mission Money

There is \$4,000 available in the church Foundation Fund for missions. Karin will talk with Randy Starr and find out if this is available on a one-time or yearly basis and we will discuss again next month.

Altar Flower Discussion

The Worship Committee and this committee have decided that there will be a change in the altar flower donations this year. Individuals may use silk flowers owned by the church and donate money to missions through this committee or buy real flowers. Martha will talk to Linda Barrow from worship to be sure they have silk arrangements available and that they will be responsible for having those out.

Angel House Rotation

Roger and Karin as co-coordinators reported on the last rotation. Things seemed to go well. One family did not turn in their weekend pass in a timely manner and so there was more food prepared than was needed on the weekend. Pam and Judy Graff will coordinate from September 10 – 18. They will call about sign-up volunteers on the previous two Sundays.

Community Kitchen Food Drive

This discussion will be tabled until later as there are too many things happening right now...probably will be held in Jan. or Feb.

Support Letter for DACA

We discussed a request for a letter of support against rescinding support for DACA recipients (also known as Dreamers). This letter will be sent to President Trump. Those present voted to sign this letter as the Missions Committee of First United Methodist Church. The letter is attached to the official minutes.

Christmas Mission Projects

Terry G is getting 50 Prison Ministry names for our Christmas Angel Tree. Martha volunteered to get another 25 or so names from the church and HNS. Pam will talk with Bob Monroe and Terry Cline about how much they may want to be involved this year. Julie volunteered to help with shopping for the food bags. Karin suggested putting a note in The Profile asking for volunteers to help with shopping and organizing the Angel Tree donations. We usually deliver food and presents early in December which would be Dec. 2 or Dec. 9. There will be more discussion at the September meeting.

The September Meeting will be September 5 at 6:30 pm.