

**Mission Minutes – First United Methodist  
November 7, 2017**

**Attending: Roger Williams, Terry Gindlesparger, Rev. Jeremiah, Julie Monroe, Lisa Haines, Martha DiCicco, Karin Delaney and guest Angie Clarke**

Karin chaired the meeting and opened with prayer.

Angie Clarke made a request of the committee for money to sponsor more One Community One Family families. (Two church groups sponsored families this past year and it involves a \$1500 commitment for each family.) Due to oversubscription last year there is still \$1400 in the fund. The committee does not have money in our budget for missions but the First Church Foundation has around \$1500 in interest funds for mission that they are giving to the committee. We decided that this money would go to OCOF in 2018.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved.

We discussed ongoing conversations that have occurred around issues with Angel House/HNS. These include communication problems, changes in the HNS articles of incorporation and bylaws, and what is seen as under capacity of the program. At this point the committee has decided they would like to take a hiatus and not work with Angel House in 2018. Karin will draft a letter to be brought to the November Church Council meeting for approval. Permission will also be requested to share this letter, which will explain our reasons for the hiatus, with City staff who have expressed an interest.

In the meantime we will be hosting Angel House Nov. 19 -26. Next Sunday will be the second week for sign ups. There is a group outside the church that wants to provide a dinner for Angel House families on Wed. or Friday that week. Karin will call and indicate that Wed. would be best. In addition she will ask how many will be at the church on Thanksgiving for dinner.

There was some discussion about potential future mission opportunities – these included Sunday breakfast at the church once a month for anyone, providing transitional housing for the homeless, and helping provide for needs of school district homeless students.

We discussed the Christmas offering. We had already decided to give \$5,000 to the mission group going to Guatemala in February to be used for supplies. The rest of the offering will be split between Community Kitchen in Loveland, and the Mefors in Zimbabwe, Africa for their Ministry of Giving. Martha will write an article for The Profile about the offering and the need for delivery people and helpers on December 9 when food and gifts are delivered.

We have the info sheets on the families from HNS for the 35 children's gifts we will provide. Jane Gill is making ornaments and Karin is typing labels. Lisa will call the families to tell them when we will be delivering their gifts and food. We will meet on Nov. 18 to put HNS and Prison Ministry names together and decorate. Roger has donated a tree which is at the church. Terry

has called the Prison Ministry families. We will have the Harvest Pointe names later this week. Karin will make the routes after we have all of the addresses. Gifts will need to be brought back by Dec. 3 (when we will assemble) and will be delivered on Dec. 9. Julie took bags from our storage and will purchase the food and assemble it at the church.

HNS names will use letters on the labels

Seniors (Harvest Pointe) will use an S on the labels

Prison Ministry will use numbers on the labels

Respectfully submitted: Martha DiCicco, secretary