

Cherry Grove Friends Church

Outreach Committee Minutes

May 13, 2014

Attendees -

Phyllis B., Bonnie K., Bonnie C., Alfredo 'Gato' U.

5:30 pm - Meeting opened with prayer by Gato.

April Minutes –

Phyllis went over the minutes from April's meeting.

Clothing Closet -

Phyllis reports June will be her last month as an Outreach committee member but requests to remain as overseer of the coat closet in addition she would like to continue as a contributor/supporter of Cherry Grove's outreach efforts. Approved.

Options 360 –

Susie Oberst was unable to meet with us as planned. Bonnie K. and/or Phyllis will follow up with her to see if she can meet with us at the June meeting.

Battle Ground Free Clinic –

Bonnie C. was not able to do the follow up she had planned but will keep the task on her to do list. Phyllis learned the clinic is willing to procure a suitable used microscope but they will need to have funds on hand when the opportunity arises. We (the committee) will determine how much money to donate toward a microscope and/or continue consideration to meet their need for lab sink installation, if that need still exists.

Petty Cash –

Bonnie K. reported that Arden has approved the suggested funds designation and funds management. He also offered further suggestions with regard to how funds are handed out to recipients in need. For example, rather than cash, consider small-denomination gift cards. The aim is to assist in meeting basic living needs while discouraging the purchase of tobacco or alcohol; per Bonnie K., gift cards may not be used for such purchases. Reimbursement processes for use of petty cash funds will be managed with guidance from our treasurer, Toni W.

North County Food Bank -

Phyllis reports that Candice Howell will meet with the church this Thursday night to learn more about the exact area/amount of space that is being allotted to the food bank.

ARMS (Abuse Recovery Ministry Services) –

Bonnie K reached out to this organization but had not heard back from them. She will follow up.

Local youth organizations -

Some further discussion took place; mostly minor brainstorming on how to identify potential youth organizations to support as well as identifying community activities to get CGFC youth involved with. There was also discussion on financially supporting CGFC youth and their families in individual/family community support activities, as representatives of CGFC, such as travel and meal costs. Bonnie K. will reach out to Fran Krohn for input/ideas.

Committee Visibility and Communication –

Bonnie C. suggested we make known to the church body the efforts and considerations the outreach committee is taking on in hopes that further opportunities and/or support would come from members. As there are more members in attendance for worship services than are present for the monthly business meetings she suggested once per month, during announcements, that brief updates be provided to the Sunday audience to keep them informed of needs and opportunities; and that a member of the committee speak at each monthly Business Meeting with a broader update on committee activities and decision making.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 10th at 5:30 pm