

Outreach Ministry Team
5-9-17 Meeting Minutes

Present: Linda Varblow, Linda Kinsinger, Linda Laubscher, Sally Bober, Neal Mochel, Pastor Will Rose, Sarah Zink, Nicole Gonzalez

- 1) Devotions: Neal.
- 2) April Minutes: Approved as written.
- 3) Council Report from Linda Kinsinger: The church plans to purchase choir robes for the children's choirs. About one-fourth of the money needed for the capital campaign to renew the Ministry Center has already been pledged, well ahead of Commitment Sunday (May 21).
- 4) Old Business / Program Updates
 - a. Crop Walk: April 23, 2017. Unfortunately it rained, but Holy Trinity still had 22 walkers and 2 additional volunteers who supervised a water station. About 12 people (mostly families with children) decided not to walk due to the weather. Overall turnout was depressed. Holy Trinity raised \$4,967; about half of that money came from within the congregation and half from outside, via the walkers' online fundraising pages. We made an additional \$348 in T-shirt sales (all of which goes to IFC). The Bing, Black, and Laubscher families matched donations made directly to them, which again proved very successful. Next year we need to reach out to LCM more directly to get students involved. It is our hope that LCM will have specific reps on the Outreach Team, but we also should consider sending an Outreach rep to make an announcement at a Wednesday night service.
 - b. Guidelines for Grant Requests: We made further revisions to Neal's draft guidelines and decided to create an online form that applicants can fill out as a first step. Sarah will enter the final revisions so that we can approve a final document at our next meeting.
 - c. Our Children's Place: This organization no longer exists in its old form; Linda V has had trouble making contact, so we will *not* make the scheduled 2017 donation of \$750. We instead will donate \$500 to PORCH (see 5b below) and \$250 to the School Grocery Cards program (see 5c below).
 - d. Food for The Summer: There is a meeting for liaisons in May; Neal will have more information at that point and invite the congregation to participate.
- 5) New Business
 - a. Refugee Project Update: Linda V met with interested members of Community Church of Chapel Hill (Unitarian Universalist), who remain committed to helping if we form a team. Two Congolese immigrants (26yo female and 20yo male) still need assistance, particularly with transportation to Health Department appointments, grocery stores, and community events. They live in a Carrboro apartment on Route 54. Linda V. will consult with the Sharon Barrett, Kristin Somers, and Kate Frieman-Fox for advice. Linda V, Linda L, Linda K, Sally, and Sarah are all interested in participating. Sally noted that Southern Village already has a strong refugee support system and may be a good backup resource for us.

- b. PORCH Temple Talk: Debbie Horwitz, founder and codirector of PORCH, will speak about the group's mission and needs on June 25 at Holy Trinity (both services + Luther's Cafe). Through Linda L, she invited HTLC to become a partner by sponsoring healthy snacks at a CHCCS school and/or collecting nonperishable goods once a month. We voted to sponsor one school for a full year at a cost of \$500. We will also explore the idea of collecting canned goods from the Greek houses around us; this would have the added benefit of improving our relationship with these neighbors.
 - c. May Budget Allocations: We need to think about spending a little more money each month to avoid having extra funds at the end of the year. For May:
 - \$1,000 to IFC
 - \$500 to PORCH for school snack sponsorship
 - Approximately \$1,000 to school grocery cards (budgeted \$500 + additional \$250 from Children's Place reallocation + leftover donations from Angel Tree)
 - d. Drive for Day Laborers in Carrboro: Linda L will have an update at our next meeting. We need to know whether this group qualifies as a 501(c)(3) or is affiliated with one. We need to ask Tom Alexander whether we can donate to non-501(c)(3)s.
 - e. Confirmation Projects: Due this week. Nothing for us to do at this point.
 - f. Capital Campaign Tithe: Church Council and the Campaign Leadership Team decided to allocate 5% of campaign funds raised to charity. Pastor Will's vision is that we would donate in three categories: (1) local, perhaps IFC FoodFirst; (2) NC Synod/ELCA, perhaps the program to reduce debt for seminarians; (3) global, perhaps 300 mosquito nets to Africa. Council and Outreach Ministry will work together to make final recipient decisions. Council needs to be clear about the timing and give Outreach Ministry sufficient advance notice to help research and choose recipients.
- 6) Next meeting June 6. Sarah will do the devotion.