

OUTREACH/MISSIONS TEAM MINUTES
Aldersgate United Methodist Church
October 20, 2015

The Outreach/Missions Team met at 1:30 PM Tuesday, October 2015 at Aldersgate UMC. Committee members present were Livonia Lowe and Colleen Olleman, co-chairs, Dorothy Bennett, Linda Detering, Jean Harris and Jan Durham. Livonia opened the meeting with prayer.

REPORTS OF ONGOING PROJECTS

- Jean gave a quick report on EISCC activities. Issaquah is considering requiring food prep conditions for Camp Unity. The contact is Carina O'Malley at Lake Washington UMC.
- Sabrina MacIntyre headed the Andrew's Glen dinner October 12th.
- Dorothy reported Imagine Housing is not providing Christmas gift ideas this year. She will request gift items for Hopelink (teens) and from Connections Counseling's clients via Laura Wall. In addition gifts toward purchase of animals from Heifer Project will be solicited.

FINANCIAL

Ga-Ga structure is on hold but expenditure will be needed. Livonia will ask for those funds to be transferred to Trustees.

OLD BUSINESS

- Colleen will take to CORE our offer to underwrite purchase of :
 - sign(s) to welcome community members to use our lower grounds, including the picnic table, basketball hoop and proposed Ga-Ga structure,
 - a portable, stand-alone sign identifying Aldersgate as the donor of the meal/service/organizer/etc. to be used at Crossroads meals, Andrew's Glen, or other events where Aldersgate reaches into the community. Awaiting meeting of CORE.
- Lazy F is reserved from after dinner Friday, May 27, 2016-after lunch Sunday, May 29th for a Mini-Mission Trip. The reservation includes Skyline, Ridgeview and three creek cabins.
- Emergency Feeding Program will provide food bags if we pick them up at their Renton location. They can be requested for several diets. This project is on hold until we see how the Starbucks program fits our needs.
- The Congregations for Children school supplies drive exceeded last year's drive.
- Final draft of the Outreach Guide for Expenditures Policy is postponed until November.

NEW BUSINESS

- Jan Hoeber, Aldersgate Family and Children's Coordinator, joined us to discuss possible interactions between the Sunday School and Youth and the Outreach/Mission activities. The O/M team will look for ways to involve families, youth and children.

- The team unanimously approved the following donations from the Missions fund:
 - Grace Boarding House \$1200
 - Hopelink \$1000
 - Sophia Way \$1000

- A proposal to pick up unsold items at Starbucks, 3720 Factoria Blvd SE in the Factoria shopping center and to distribute them to “the ill, the needy or infants” was discussed. Pick-up will be every Monday, Wednesday and Friday after 2 P.M. After receiving these food items our courier will be either deliver the items to a recipient’s location or to the church for storage in either freezer or refrigerator. The courier must be aware of food handling requirements and provide prompt refrigeration. The courier is also responsible for logging on to the Harvest Support Center computer and providing an inventory of items received. After delivering the food items the courier must wash and sanitize the container used by Starbucks to transport the items. The container will be returned at the time of the next pick-up.
 - Livonia will give Wendi material for a bulletin insert for this week and next. Brad will highlight this new program in Sunday morning announcements.
 - Livonia will be the courier Wednesday. Jan will be courier Friday.
 - Livonia will contact possible recipients:
 - Sophia Way shelter 425 463-6285 x 102
 - Women’s shelter at Redmond UMC 16540 NE 80th ST, 98052
Cynthia 206 437-7448
 - Andrea Liggett 425 822-0294 x110
 - Men’s shelter at _____, Redmond
 - Men’s shelter at Bellevue Congregational Church, NE 8th
Henry, 206 605-9337
 - Hopelink food bank 14812 Main St 425 943-7555

NEXT MEETING will be at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 17th.