

**Mount Cross Lutheran Church - Service and Missions Committee
Minutes for January 8, 2024 Meeting Via Zoom**

Mission Statement: Rooted in God's grace to joyfully witness and serve.

Core Values: Intimacy with God - Inspiring Worship - Intentional Faith Development -
Compassionate Outreach - Caring Community

SAM Mission: *Goals of the committee focus on three areas: fostering the spirit of volunteerism among Mount Cross members and friends; reaching out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community; encouraging responsible stewardship of God's creation.*

Call to Order - Gordon - Devotion & Prayer - Bob shared an item on Miracles & intersections in life

Approve - December 4th Minutes - approved

Attended: Gordon & Melissa Henry, Bill Stoll, Bob Boyer and Mary Goodenough

Reporting on Progress (Events in the next months)

Many Meals - Monday Jan. 8th and Feb. 12th - *More people are attending need more help with food*

Diaper panty collection - project for January - *Started at Pastors house and ongoing at church*

Harbor House Sandwich Making - Sunday Jan. 14th - *The Henry's will get supplies*

Blood Drive January 21st - *John Gennan is coordinating*

Souper Bowl of Caring - Sunday Feb. 11th - *Melissa will register team and set up pots*

Graceful Diaper Pantry day of service - Saturday March 2nd - *Julie is coordinating project, Gordon will request a Thrivent Action Team Grant for \$250 to help*

Camarillo CROP Hunger Walk - Sunday March 10th - *Gordon will coordinate*

Continuing Events and Business Items:

Events: LSS Barrel, St Columba's Food Pantry, Sewing school kit backpacks...

SAM Budget review: Will be tracking deposits/disbursements in January **spend some of this now?**

Account	Balance	Notes
Many Meals	\$2419	No activity for all of 2023
Fair Trade	\$2150	Updated Balance
Oak Place	\$ 0	Mary made deposits and got reimbursed
ELCA/LDR	\$ 250	New donations in 2024 (\$930?) will go out as Gifts of Hope
SAM other	\$1337	May need to submit reimbursement requests
Peace & Justice	\$ 616	

Special gift of \$1000 from Barbara Burke

Newsletter Deadlines: January: Thursday January 18th

Reviewing Goals (review of events)

Harbor House Sandwich Making - Sunday December 10th - *lots of people helped again!!*

Oak Place Party collection and Party December 13th - *Mary and team got a thank you and plaque!*

Gifts Of Hope - alt Christmas giving project thru December - *Check will be request in January*

Little lending library - Update grant to purchase books? - *following up with Julie and check funds*

Setting new Goals (future event planning)

ELCA - Earth's Climate Crisis presentation adopted in April 2023 - *Gordon will review and may suggest a pot luck showing*

Movie and a Pot Luck - Environmental/ Social Justice ... any ideas?

Build Future Agenda - Next Meeting: Date - 2/5/2024 Time _6:00__ Devotions _Melissa_
Agenda _Gordon_____ Minutes _Gordon_____

Evaluate the Meeting:

Adjourn with prayer:

**Mount Cross Lutheran Church - Service and Missions Committee
Minutes from April 1, 2024 Meeting Via Zoom**

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Call to Order - Gordon - Devotion and Prayer - Melissa
Approve - January 8th Minutes - approved No meetings held in February and March
Attended: Gordon & Melissa Henry, Bill Stoll, Bob Boyer, Mary Goodenough and Becky Riley

Reporting on Progress (Events in the next months) *updates in Italics*

Harbor House Sandwich Making - Sunday April 7th

Many Meals - Monday April 8th and May 13th *numbers growing may need added meals*

Earth Day - Monday April 22, 2024 *Just trying to inspire families and individuals to do something*

ELCA Earth's Climate Crisis slide presentation from April 2023 - *looking at options*

Continuing Events and Business Items:

Events: LSS Barrel, St Columba's Food Pantry, Sewing LWR school kit backpacks...

SAM Budget review: Only accounts with balances shown - should we donate some funds?

Account	Balance	Notes
Many Meals	\$2,574	+ \$155 from soup supper donations - let Karin know
Fair Trade	\$2,150	Chair suggests move to SAM Other and removing account
SAM other	\$2,135	Some sandwich costs pending
Peace & Justice	\$ 616	

Special gift of \$1000 from Barbara Burke added to SAM other account

Newsletter Deadlines: May: Thursday April 18th

Reviewing Goals (review of events)

Diaper panty collection - project for January *see distribution day March 2nd below*

January Blood Drive - *will put update in Newsletter*

Souper Bowl of Caring - Sunday February 11, 2024 *in March newsletter \$700 plus*

Graceful Diaper Pantry day of service - Saturday March 2nd *Good turnout at the church*

Camarillo CROP Hunger Walk - March 10th - \$25 in SAM - *send more? approved \$225 for CROP*

Harbor House Sandwich Making in February and March - *went well will turn in receipts*

Gifts Of Hope - alternative Christmas in December - *have sent \$1,330 Plus \$600 sent in December*

Setting new Goals (future event planning)

Movie and a Pot Luck - Environmental/ Social Justice ... any ideas?

Build Future Agenda - Next Meeting: Date - 6/3/2024 Time _6:00__ Devotions Mary
Agenda _Gordon_____ Minutes _Gordon_____

Evaluate the Meeting:

Adjourn with prayer:

Mount Cross Lutheran Church - Service and Missions Committee
Minutes from June 3, 2024 Meeting Via Zoom

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Call to Order - Gordon - Devotion and Prayer - Gordon

Approve - April 1st Minutes No meeting held in May - approved

Attended: Gordon & Melissa Henry, Bill Stoll, Bob Boyer

Reporting on Progress (Events in the next months)

Harbor House Sandwich Making - open ended - may make sandwiches on June 9. HH is doing well with lunches, but is low on hot meals.

Many Meals - Monday June 10 and July 8 - looks like they added some slots, and may be struggling to get enough food. G will reach out to Karin - perhaps she can use the money in the account to purchase hot meals?

Many Mansions Home Supplies - opportunity from an email mid month to PJ. Response has been positive - M asked for \$50 to buy towels - committee approved. Will give us enough for every new household (88) in the low income Central Terrace location in Oxnard to receive one bottle of dish soap, two dishtowels, and a sponge. Invitation to the Grand Opening will follow... hopefully in late July.

Harbor House Fundraiser, Painting with a Twist - Sat June 22 - in newsletter and have some MC members attending

VBS Collection for LWR Kits - Aug 5-9 - Melissa will check with Joe. Theme is the Lord's Prayer. Melissa will also ask about stringing backpacks during craft time.

Vitalant Blood Drive - August 4

Continuing Events and Business Items:

LSS Barrel (Bob may take next week), St Columba's Food Pantry (light donations but still a steady flow), Sewing LWR school kit backpacks (making good progress for year, but may need some funds for rope - M will ask committee via email as time approaches after she uses her Thrivent Action Team

SAM Budget review: Only accounts with balances shown - should we donate some funds?

Account	Balance	Notes
Many Meals	\$2,887	+ \$155 from soup supper donations - let Karin know
Fair Trade	\$1,925	\$225 went to CWS/Crop wrong account was used
ELCA Disaster	\$ 65	
SAM other	\$2,210	\$50 pending for Many Mansions project
Peace & Justice	\$ 616	any costs from Pride Festival?

Newsletter Deadlines: Thursdays - June 20th and July 15th?

Setting new Goals (future event planning)

Movie and a Pot Luck - Environmental/ Social Justice ... any ideas?

Habitat for Humanity may be starting new construction in Camarillo in July

Total Garbage by Edward Humes - possible "All Church Reads" for 2024?

Future Agenda - Next Meeting: Aug 5, 6:00pm zoom Devotions Bob

Evaluate the Meeting: Brief, but concise **Adjourn with prayer:** Melissa led

**Mount Cross Lutheran Church - Service and Missions Committee
Minutes from August 12, 2024 Meeting Via Zoom**

Mission Statement: Rooted in God's grace to joyfully witness and serve.

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Call to Order - Gordon - Devotion and Prayer - Bob

Approve June 3, 2024 Minutes - approved

Attended: Gordon & Melissa Henry, Bill Stoll, Bob Boyer, Mary Goodenough, Becky Riley

Reporting on Progress (Events in the next months)

- Harbor House Sandwich Making - open ended.
- Many Meals - Mondays August 12 and September 9 - grocery gift cards are available, but no one has asked for any. It may not be the \$ that keep people from volunteering, but the actual cooking. Also, perhaps we buy other household items to support, like TP or dishsoap.
- Harbor House Fundraiser - Same day as Make Bake Celebrate, so only asking for donations for the silent auction.
- Collection for LWR School Kits - collection is ongoing, almost time to string backpacks. Also ready to pivot to Personal Care Kits in September. Still waiting on date for the truck, as per the usual, but guessing October 17 based on past years.
- Laundry Collection for Harbor House - in the narthex, going well, as whatever we collect will be a help.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

LSS Barrel (Melissa needs to “convert” it to Harbor House, collecting razors and deodorant), St Columba's Food Pantry (VBS collected 1075 items! Yay!), Sewing LWR school kit backpacks (VBS class started rope stringing!)

Newsletter Deadlines: Thursdays - August 15, September 19?

SAM Budget review:

Account	Balance	Notes
Many Meals	\$2,784	
LWR Shipping	\$600	+ \$600 from endowment
Fair Trade	\$1,865	-\$60 for sandwich making
ELCA Disaster	\$ 65	
SAM other	\$2,210	-\$100 for gas cards
Peace & Justice	\$ 616	

Reviewing Events:

- Harbor House Sandwich Making - ongoing
- Many Meals - other needs, discussed above
- Many Mansions Grand Opening of Central Terrace - Melissa and Gordon attended. Beautiful building, well thought out. Got lots of info to share in next newsletter and on the kiosk, regarding new projects and ways we might be able to help.

- Vitalant Blood Drive - August 4. 24 slots, 23 registered, 18 successful donations. VBS is happy with 15, so we did well!

Setting new Goals (future event planning)

Movie and a Pot Luck - Environmental/ Social Justice ..

Habitat for Humanity may be starting new construction in Camarillo in July

Total Garbage by Edward Humes - possible "All Church Reads" for 2024?

Future Agenda - Next Meeting: October 7, 6:00pm zoom Devotions Mary

Evaluate the Meeting: Delayed start w/ lots of laughter **Adjourn with prayer:** Gordon led

Also - Melissa included a link in the September newsletter to invite MC members to join the Coastal Cleanup Day on September 21. Forgot to include it in discussion at the meeting!