

MOUNT CROSS CARE TEAM

MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 6, 2020

Present: Gayle Johnson, Becky Riley, Bev Rueckert, Susan Prosser, Luanne Crockett, and Pastor Julie

LIGHT OF CHRIST AND DEVOTIONS – Susan Prosser

MINUTES OF January 9, 2020 MEETING – AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

CONTINUING TRANSPORTATION NEEDS – Gayle Johnson reported that rides for the Congregational meeting and pot luck dinner were also advertised. The ongoing efforts to provide a ride for second service remains a challenge. Suggestions include promoting the idea of taking on one Sunday a month or occasionally. This could appeal to some who routinely attend first service. There is already some of this taking place. There is one additional possible ride need that should be further pursued. There may be requests for rides to evening service on Wednesdays in Lent and the new Wednesday afternoon service. We need to stay alert to these needs.

It was noted that some other churches use Uber or similar services to provide rides. The current Mount Cross need is specifically transportation for people with some mobility issues. It is important to know if any or all have drivers in our area willing to provide this type of transportation. Becky will pursue this information and how we would book this type of specialty transportation.

The Team discussed the longer-term possibility of the church securing a van through lease or purchase that would be able to provide transportation for members. It was recognized that the current van exclusively used for youth programs is not suited for this use. Gayle said she would investigate the availability and costs of such vehicles.

MOUNT CROSS CARE BROCHURE – the brochure was well received at the Care Gathering and no group has requested changes to the description of their area of care. Susan added a list of the names of the Care Team since it is suggested that they are a contact source. Gayle Johnson offered the possibility of logo art from her son Matt. We will wait on production until we have art from Matt. It was agreed that the brochures will be placed in pew racks.

CARD MINISTRY – There was continued discussion of the changing needs for card matches with some leaving the recipient list and other volunteers being added. Gayle will manage the list and the matches for the ongoing Card Ministry.

Easter Cards were planned for all on the Card Ministry list plus others who might be added at the time. Susan will acquire cards that can be signed by members on Palm Sunday and the sent on behalf of the congregation.

Care Team continues to fill in for the Colby family card ministry with cards to members with family deaths and members with health concerns. Susan will continue this program with referral from the church office.

RECAP OF CARE GATHERING – All Team members agreed that the Care Gathering had been encouraging in both attendance and participation. The congregation is well served by having so many interested in caring services. Due to the enthusiasm of those in attendance, we will look at the potential to hold a second gathering in 2020 sometime midyear.

BLUE BOX LABELING AND PLACEMENT – The use of a wall mounted caring request/referral box was supported by those in attendance at the Care Gathering. We need to complete the labeling of the box and the forms to be used. It was also suggested that the CareNotes pamphlets be displayed on the wall in proximity to the Blue Box thus creating a care center of sorts. Luanne will take responsibility for finding the proper way to hang and display the CareNotes. Susan remains responsible for the Blue Box.

CURRENT AND ONGOING CARE NEEDS – Pastor Julie and others provided updates on ongoing care concerns in the congregation. New needs were brought forth by the Pastor and members and addressed.

REQUEST FOR LENTEN SOUP SUPPER PARTICIPATION – Care Team will partner with the Stewardship Team to sponsor the Soup Supper on Wednesday March 11th. This will be the second of the suppers.

Will need 5 soups and rolls and be responsible for setup and cleanup. Team members volunteered to provide the needed items.

OTHER BUSINESS – Based on discussion from prior meetings and the Care Gathering the Team agreed that Mount Cross should investigate the role of a Parrish Nurse. St Columba's has a Parrish Nurse and perhaps Pastor Julie can provide an introduction and/or an invitation to this person to join us at some time to provide a glimpse at what role they play in the life of the church. It was also mentioned that Evonne Kuchera mentioned her skills and interests at the Care Gathering and would be a good person to discuss this with. Susan will talk with Evonne.

Susan reported that the job description for the Volunteer Coordinator was being written and would be advertised to the congregation. Since Make Bake Celebrate funding has been secured, we are hoping to fill this spot soon with a capable and enthusiastic member of the church.

NEXT CARE TEAM MEETING DATE - Thursday, March 5th at 9 am

NOTE: DUE TO CONFLICT WITH WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETING - MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH AT 9 AM