

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of December 2, 2019

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

Absent: none

Mount Cross Missions Statement: Rooted in God's grace, we joyfully witness and serve.

Service and Missions Committee Goals: 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.

1. Opened with God candle lighting. Minutes from last meeting were approved, with change to month of CROP Hunger Walk. Devotion by Melissa.

Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)

2. November, December - Gifts of Hope - Friends of Fieldworkers. A good response so far. Cards and inserts are being used, Melissa heard that Judy wrote a book, so she will try and get some copies to sell along with cards.
3. Hickory House - Christmas Party - Dec 17. Probably \$10 gift cards again this year. Mary will keep us posted, but she usually gets her quota in two Sundays.
4. LIRS Christmas Card Request - They have asked for cards (bilingual tips provided) to be made for asylum seekers who are being kept in detention centers this Christmas, to let them know we are still thinking of them. Much conversation about this project was via email, but Bill will set up and staff, Mary and Melissa have cards to donate. For two weeks...
5. January Blood Drive? Bill has asked Carina is she would lead this. No news on a date.
6. January 25 Beach Clean Up - with Surfrider on Ventura Beach by pier. In the newsletter as a save the date. Will lift up as we get closer.
7. February 2 Souper Bowl of Caring - perhaps Carol B will want to lead again, or maybe Joe and the youth?
8. March 8 CROP Hunger Walk - St Columba's is host, meetings start in January for planning.
9. March 22 Synod Celebration of World Water Day - push for carpooling down to the LA River.
10. March 29 - Considering Matthew Shepherd performance at CLU
11. Women's Interfaith Network of Camarillo - Mary will attend this - when is it?

Continuing Events and Business Items:

12. Fair Trade Sale - Back to regular.
13. LSS Collection - no news.
14. Many Meals - Collecting \$20 Target gift cards to give at December meal.
15. Peace and Justice Team - now meeting regularly with a core group, and more in the email list
16. GPS Kits - didn't plan a date for December, perhaps in January/February
17. Las Posas Partnership - Box is out and list was in the newsletter - and many bulletins.
Perhaps we need to make a small 1/4 page list to have at the box, that people could take.
18. Habitat for Humanity - Barry Street construction continues. No news of a date
19. Budget - Gordon did submit.
20. Newsletter Deadline: couldn't find (turns out we won't have a January newsletter)
21. Time and Talent - hopefully will have new lists in the new year
22. Items for Council - nothing at this time

Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)

23. Make, Bake, Celebrate budget request. Gordon submitted on behalf of the committee to request outreach money for Las Posas, Friends of Fieldworkers, Harbor House, Habitat for Humanity VC, Lutheran Retreats, Camps and Conferences, LIRS and RAIN.

Setting New Goals: (future event planning)

24. Next movie night? holding off as we launch Peace and Justice Team, Gifts of Hope, and busy calendar for November and December. Looking for something for January... perhaps Emanuel, a documentary about victims and survivors of the Charleston Church shooting. Pastor Nicole (of Abundant Table) also recommended "Dirt" - perhaps April for Earth Day?
25. Ventura Land Trust work days - always 3rd Saturday.
26. Surfrider beach clean up days - always 4th Saturday.
27. Other Ideas: Abundant Table oversight committee. League of Women voters.
28. **Next meeting will be Monday February 3, 2020 at 6:00 pm in church office.**
29. **Gordon** will provide devotions. Melissa will make the agenda.

"Mission of the Month"

Jan - Blood Services

Feb - Souper Bowl of Caring / Food Share / St. Columba's Food Pantry / ELCA World Hunger

Mar - CROP Hunger Walk / World Water Day (March 22)

April - Habitat for Humanity / Earth Day (April 22)

May - ACTION Day of Service / World Fair Trade Day (2nd Sat.)

June - Homeless Kits / World Oceans Day (June 8)

July - Bread for the World - Offering of Letters - Alternative Christmas

Aug - VBS project (ELCA World Hunger) / LWR kits collection

Sept - ELCA Day of Service / Coastal Cleanup Day / LWR kits collection

Oct - LSS Walk to Fight Poverty / support for LSS / LWR kits and blessing

Nov - Gifts of Hope project / Fair Trade Catalog Sale

Dec - Hickory House - Gifts of Hope project / Fair Trade Sale