

## Mount Cross Lutheran Church Service and Missions Committee

Minutes of December 3, 2018

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

Absent: none

Guest: Meredith Smith

*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 lighting God candle. Minutes from November 5, 2018 were approved. Devotion and prayer by Mary, on lighting of Advent candle.

### **Reporting on Progress: (events in the upcoming months)**

2. Special Presentation by Meredith: Summer Service Trip  
Meredith is organizing a mission trip to Miracle Ranch in Tecate, Mexico for any member high school or older, to support an orphanage. June 27-July 2 (6 days, 5 nights - one in San Diego at Saint Andrews church). Partnering with LRCC who has done this trip before. Trinity in Ventura will also be going at the same time. \$500/person covers all costs, including food, transportation, and liability insurance. Meredith hopes to fundraise enough to bring cost per person down to \$150. Our service - to build relationships, to partner with a child one-on-one, to help with a small project on property. Cap of 20 members, goal of at least 10. Planning at meeting in January for interested members, with deposit of \$50 due in February, then a monthly meeting after that for learning Spanish, learning expectations, and learning about each other.
3. MET Report Review - Group discussed some of the goals of the MET report - and how our committee might become involved in some of the projects. Some possibilities are: local school tutoring, Las Posas school partnership, health care district classes for our neighborhood at MC, using the facilities for more outreach. Committee expressed hope that as we as a church explore these opportunities, additional volunteers from the MC community will step forward.
4. Mission of the Month - Dec 2 Gifts of Hope launch. Lutheran Disaster Response is our focus. Would like to show slideshow each week during prelude and communion to remind members of the option. Bill will rework the slideshow and get it to the office. Members were very positive Sunday - some wanting national projects, some international, so we feel we picked a good organization. Totals thus far: \$500.
5. December 18 Hickory House party - carols and gifts at 5:30. Mary will coordinate. Might need helpers, but already has about 20 sponsors after one morning on the patio.
6. Feb 3 Souper Bowl of Caring - Registered and set for cash to ELCA WH and food to St Columba's Food Pantry.
7. March 10 CROP Hunger Walk at Padre Serra - set and gearing up.

### **Continuing Events and Business Items:**

8. Fair Trade Sale - December sales were back to normal.
9. LSS Barrel - Perhaps a lifting up of this in January - Diapers and deodorant? Melissa hasn't heard back from LSS - and she will try and get an answer soon. Perhaps Carol Broderick can help with an answer?
10. Many Meals - ongoing.
11. St. Columba's Food Pantry - continuing. Distribute food every two weeks.

12. Habitat for Humanity - no discussion
13. GPS Kits - Gordon will have this ready to go for the Annual Meeting on Jan 27.
14. Budget - \$500 - \$91 = \$409 - \$310? (LWR kit shipping) Budget request for 2019 was submitted for \$500.
15. Tithes - \$400 from parking lot sale (in our account) for local service project. \$1406 from MBC to be decided by committee.
16. Time and Talent - new report is done, but we haven't reviewed it yet.
17. Annual Report - due Dec 20 - Gordon will write up and submit.
18. Items for Council - nothing at this time.

**Reviewing Goals: (and reviewing past events)**

19. Nov 21 Thanksgiving Eve service - Council agreed with our recommendation of Lutheran Disaster Response to receive our offering from that evening. - Melissa will check with Joan to find out how much was raised, and put it a thank you in the next newsletter.
20. LWR Quilt and Kit Blessing - For Jan newsletter - a "where did they go" and thank you.
21. November 11 Feast of Faiths by Ventura County Interfaith. We had many members attend.

**Setting New Goals: (future event planning)**

22. Hickory House - back patio work. Looking for a lead for this project. Gordon will go visit and survey work.
  23. GPS Kits - Gordon will check supplies and get a Thrivent Action Team, ready for Annual Meeting in January. Melissa finally got connected for McDonald's bucks, and ordered \$350 (the amount committee discussed using Fair Trade funds, but might be paid for out of our budget). Bucks are in.
  24. UBS Blood Drive - Bill will hold on this for a bit...
  25. March 22 - World Water Day - perhaps a lift during March of a noisy offering (coins) to try and raise enough money for a well from ELCA World Hunger.
26. **Next meeting will be Monday January 7, 2019 at 6:30 pm in church office.**
27. **Denise** will provide devotions.
  28. Evaluated meeting.
  29. Closed with prayer by Melissa.

**"Mission of the Month"**

**Jan** - Blood Services - LSS

**Feb** - Souper Bowl of Caring

(Food Share, St. Columba's Food Pantry, ELCA World Hunger)

**Mar** - CROP Hunger Walk

**April** - Habitat for Humanity

**May** - ACTION Day of Service

**June** - Homeless Kits

**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 / Labor Day Harvest at Abundant Table

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

**Nov** - Gifts of Hope project / Fair Trade Sale / Feast of Faiths

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