

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS COUNCIL

MINUTES – November 7, 2022

Present: Suzy Coulson, Don Mowery, Greg Lewis, Dennis Minnich, Pastor Chris, and Karen Byers.

Absent: Jeff Noble and Sharon Shellenberger

Karen opened the meeting with prayer.

The Minutes of October 11, 2022 were approved on a Lewis/Mowery motion. Motion carried.

New Business:

We were to have a representative from Bountiful Blessings present regarding their use of our facilities for a walk-in program for families in need of non-food items. Karen requested Pastor Chris to ask the Bountiful Blessings representative to come to our December meeting, for us to have more information regarding this program prior to that meeting.

Karen reported a cart has been placed outside the Church office for donations for Project SHARE's food drive for the holidays. Since we had a late start, our donations will be used for Christmas. Karen will deliver items/donations to Project SHARE in December.

Old Business:

My Brother's Table: Council is responsible for the November 19 meal. Don reported that Kimberley's will provide either a roast turkey or meatloaf meal (with mashed potatoes and vegetable). Suzy offered to prepare brownies for dessert. Don will handle ordering and pick up. Dennis and Greg offered to assist with serving, if needed.

It was decided we would choose two dates for preparing and serving at MBT, as in prior years. Karen will check on definitive dates with Salvation Army. Since we usually do a meal in April, Pastor Chris suggested April 29 for a cookout. Menu: hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls, cheese, macaroni salad, fresh fruit, and condiments.

Trunk or Treat: Chris reported 145 people participated. It was a great evening, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Advent Caroling: Suzy reported St. Paul's Lutheran Church will be participating, while St. John's and First Lutheran have not responded, yet; Suzy will follow up with phone calls. Following the caroling, St. Paul's invited the carolers to Stock Hall for cookies and hot chocolate. Council agreed this was a gracious offer and should be accepted.

Suzy will purchase water bottles for carolers.

It was agreed that Suzy will take care of any advertising for this event, as well as notifying the Police Department (just so they are aware). Advertising should also include the event will be held, weather permitting.

New Business:

Meals for Domestic Violence: Karen reported they would like meals/casseroles prepared that would feed four people. Karen will check if they want these meals cooked or prepared and either frozen or ready to cook.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen F. Byers, Chair

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13 – 7:00 PM