

Minutes

Church and Community Connections

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Fellowship Hall

Members Present: Suzy Coulson, Denny Minnich, Chaplain Donna Hale, Pastor Chris Schwab, Karen Byers, Jeff Noble, Don Mowery, Greg Lewis

Members unable to attend: Tanis Munroy, Sharon Shellenberger,

1. Call to order at 7:05 pm
2. Opening Prayer was given by Greg Lewis
3. Approval of February 2022 minutes motion by Karen Byers and seconded by Chaplain Hale
4. Informational items
 - a. We reviewed our collection of winter clothing in February for Community Cares. There were a few donations which were delivered to Community Cares, but the turnout was less than expected.
5. Old Business
 - a. We discussed our Special Mission policy and contributions, to clarify the timing of it, since during the pandemic there was some uncertainty about the dates to do this. We felt as a committee that these contributions should be given quarterly, and our first quarter will be a special collection for Ukraine Aid in March. The other special Mission donations will be as follows:

1st quarter – Sadler Health Clinic -- February

Ukraine Aid –collect until April 10

2nd quarter-- Community Cares on July 10

3rd quarter-- Samaritan Fellowship on Sept. 11

4th quarter -- Safe Harbor on Nov. 13
6. New Business
 - a. Aid for Ukraine—Greg presented a description of an Agency that received high marks for transparency and efficiency by Charity Navigator for its charitable efforts called: **Direct Relief**. This charity has donated 26 million dollars to Ukraine in the past 6 months and it delivers medical kits to the country. Direct relief is in Santa Barbara, California and was recently praised for its efforts by the New York Times. We will have a special collection in March from our Congregation for this charity and it will be matched with a \$1000.00 contribution from the Church Samaritan Fund. The final date for the collection will be March 27.
 - b. Planning for My Brother's Table

- i. We are serving on Saturday, April 9th at noon. Our meal will be Chicken Cordon Bleu and vegetables and a salad with rolls. Dessert will also be provided. Participants will be Karen Byers, Suzy Coulson, Chaplain Hale, Denny Minnich and Shari Minnich, Don Mowery, Jeff Noble, and Mike Coulson.
 - ii. Our next date to serve at My Brother's Table will be Saturday, Nov. 19th at noon.
 - c. Covid update—Greg presented an update about the state of the pandemic in Cumberland County. The percent positivity and incidence of Covid locally is greatly reduced and the CDC has reduced the category of transmission from high transmission to substantial transmission. Our Church services are again in person and those who are fully vaccinated and boosted are now “mask optional” while unvaccinated individuals are strongly advised to wear a mask. Our Church still advises social distancing. Our Choir is now singing in the Church, and it is recommended that hymn singing by the congregation can again commence. It is also recommended that the singing occur initially in the last 15 minutes of the Service with the hope that soon the singing can be at any time during the Service.
7. Our next meeting on April 12th will be canceled unless new issues arise.
8. Adjourn

Submitted by Greg Lewis