

Minutes

Community and Church Connections

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Members present: Mike Coulson, Suzy Coulson, Don Mowery, Denny Minnich, Chaplain Donna Hale, Greg Lewis, Pastor Chris Schwab

Members unable to attend: Sharon Shellenberger, Jeff Noble, Tanis Munroy, Shelby Holley Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

1. Opening Prayer—Greg Lewis
2. Approval of April minutes—Motion by Denny Minnich, seconded by Suzy Coulson
3. Informational items—none currently
4. Old Business
 - a. Community Aid Collection—Suzy Coulson gave an update on our in-Church bin. It is located near the Church office. Its purpose is to collect new or gently used clothing, handbags, or shoes and has a capacity for 300 lbs. When full the contents are collected by Community Aid and weighed. Each donation earns \$.04 per pound for Project Share. A filled cart earns \$12. Receipts for tax purposes are located next to the bin.
 - b. Church toiletry collection—Pastor Chris reviewed that the purpose of this project is to collect toiletry items in a blue barrel placed outside the Church each Friday with distribution to individuals or charitable organizations in need, at the end of the month. There is a signup sheet for volunteers to help with packaging the items for distribution.
5. New Business
 - a. Greg proposed that our committee engage with Community Cares with the delivery of a hot meal to their residents at a date to be determined in the next month. Community Cares has a new program whereby either breakfast can be delivered on Saturday or Sunday to provide for 30 to 35 individuals, or supper can be delivered Monday thru Sunday. Other community organizations as well as individuals have been contributing to this new program. It was felt that we could deliver a supper, the contents of which will be decided soon. Greg is checking with Community Cares to find out further information about preparation and delivery and available delivery dates.
 - b. Pastor Chris initiated a discussion about future CCC outreach programs and suggested a “No Excuses Barbecue” on the Plaza soon once it is felt that more people have been vaccinated and the incidence of Covid has been further reduced. He also mentioned that the Back-to-School Program will most likely take place in August.
 - c. Suzy Coulson distributed info about a “Grab N Go Free Lunch Near the Square” program sponsored by Mechanicsburg’s downtown church and was for information only. The program runs from 5/5 to 5/26.
6. Covid update—Greg Lewis reviewed recent statistics on Covid and vaccinations for Cumberland County. Recent numbers include 42 patients hospitalized, 6 in the ICU and 4 on ventilators. However, the percent positivity and incidence for Covid has decreased. 38,445 partial vaccines have been given in Cumberland County and 45,923 full vaccines. The Church reopening committee met on 5/10/21 and a full report was sent to the Consistory.
7. Adjourn at 7:55 pm-- Next meeting-June 8 at pm Fellowship Hall.