

First United Methodist Church

Outreach Committee

February 19, 2019

The Outreach Committee met in the Library on Tuesday, February 19, 2019. Present were: Kara Dugan, B. J. Mueller, Shannon Lurkins, Joyce Mueller, Patti Craycroft, Kim Warner, John Burnam, and Terry Westerfield. Absent were Sherry Schneider, Sandy Ehrat, and Dave Roberts.

Chairperson Kim Warner called the meeting to order at 6:00p and presented a devotion and offered prayer. The minutes were accepted as posted on the church's website.

Kim circulated examples of two styles of "witness cards" to be included on items in the Blessing Box. The committee showed preference for the more colorful example.

Kim reported that backpacks were purchased from Walmart at clearance prices.

The 2019 budget was reviewed, with many past benevolence line items being lowered due to the addition of new projects and an anticipated decrease in endowment interest income. New line items include a one-time gift of \$1,000 to fund Eli Bowen's summer ministry project in Florida and a new church-wide project entitled "The Church Has Left the Building." The UMCOR "on demand" line item was omitted. The 2019 Benevolence Budget (see attached) was adopted on a motion by John Burnam which was seconded by Joyce Mueller.

Kim explained The Church Has Left the Building program (TCHLB). It will have an emphasis on Fayette County residents who desire help with home repair, maintenance, and simple construction projects. A goal was set to complete two projects this first year. B. J. Mueller stated that the United Methodist Men were considering a similar program. Kim will communicate with UMM Vice President, John Blythe, on working together. Kim would like to set up a team to oversee the program. Committee members reviewed proposed "logos" for the project and indicated their preference.

The proposed OASIS outreach will be tabled until TCHLB has been established.

The following goals were established for 2019:

- 1) Complete two projects with "The Church Has Left the Building" program.
- 2) Make the holiday special offerings a dollar-for-dollar matching offering, with the Outreach Committee matching every dollar donated up to a set limit. This has the potential of doubling the amount budgeted for each beneficiary.
- 3) Present a monthly mission moment during worship to heighten awareness of the committee's work.

A sign-up sheet was passed for each committee member to have the opportunity to present a mission moment. The third Sunday of the month was recommended for these presentations.

FAYCO was set as the beneficiary of the Easter offering, and Kara Dugan will present the mission moment.

The committee was adjourned at 7:10p. The next meeting will be Sunday, March 10, 2019, 10:45a.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Westerfield