



Missions & Outreach
HILLSIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Location: Fellowship Hall



Date: May 18th, 2022



Time: 6:00pm

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Meeting Called by: Brian Cartwright
Meeting Facilitated by: Brian Cartwright/Sarah Schuenemeyer
Attendees: Brian Cartwright, Kerry Kiefer, Nora Duncan, Chrissie Johnson, Kim Hellenga, Larry Chapman, Sarah Schuenemeyer

Opening Devotion and Prayer


Chrissie opened the meeting with a devotion on the importance of anointing in ministry – when God anoints us for a mission, he also goes with us and gives us what we need to complete the mission.

Financial Update

Sarah presented the budget status according to April end-of-month actuals. Notable contributions include \$3,000 given and earmarked for Early Response Team. Income and expenses from the West Virginia trip will be included in May's document. The MOB approved using Missions funds for appreciation events (pizza for the Woodstock High School special education students who come to Hillside as part of their vocational program, donuts for DFCS employees). The MOB will continue to send the funds earmarked for conference offerings for the remainder of the year (Wesley Woods in May and Wellroot Family Services in September).

Debriefs and Updates

West Virginia trip – The West Virginia team reports success in their projects (successfully completed 5 bedrooms, bathroom areas, etc.) despite having no blueprints and really having to wing it on the construction side of things. The team worked well together and are looking

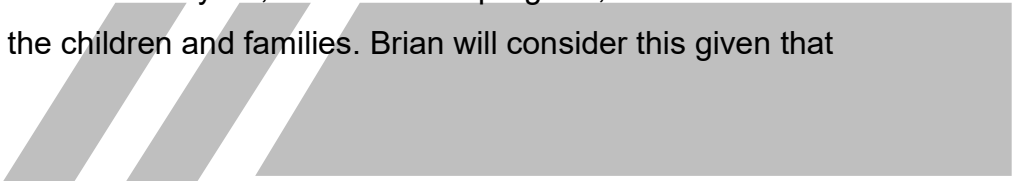



forward to serving the people of Welch, WV again. The MOB supports another trip in 2024. What can we do better? More communication to the congregation and advance prepping for the team. Larry will select a date in June or July for the 2024 trip now in consideration of other large Hillside events (VBS, Snowbird, Give a Kid a Chance), which will facilitate better communication to the congregation. Larry will consider planning an early trip to Welch prior to the team arriving to be better prepared next year.

Foster Care Awareness Summit – the event was well-attended (39 in person, 46 views on YouTube) and was very informative to those who attended. We know that some of the attendees have been actively engaged with Waymark Foster. The other neat thing that came out of this event is that the participants were better connected. The organizations who participated are hoping to take the layout of this event to other locations in the county on a regular basis to increase awareness of Foster Care. The MOB supports continuing this initiative. We believe that messaging will require more consistency than an annual event. The MOB will consider a “stick around” event in November that focuses on Foster Care Awareness.

Summer Lunch – the MUST Summer Lunch program will begin on June 5th. The program will use only shelf-stable meal kits. Donations will be collected from the community on Thursdays and sorted by volunteers, who will prepare the choir room for packing events on Sundays. The SL team will deliver on Mondays. We expect our routes to total 150-200 kids. One of the hurdles with the program this year is consistent space over the summer. We will use the choir room, but will have to move around for blood drives and other previously scheduled events.

Give a Kid a Chance – Hillside will be the Woodstock site for GAKAC in 2023. There are currently 700 children registered to attend (capacity set at 1,000), and around 60 volunteers registered. The event will only be one shift (8am-2pm) with family appointments between 9am-12:15pm. While volunteer registration is open to the community, we are continuing to encourage Hillside to sign up to volunteer. Last year, outside of the program, the Hillside team funded and prepared hot dogs for the children and families. Brian will consider this given that





the capacity is almost double what we served last year. Hillside will collect backpacks in June as the mission focus to support this event.

Mission Sunday – Nora will present the message for Mission Sunday in August. We would also like to incorporate a survey to the congregation about the mission and ministry that they are currently involved in. Brian will work on constructing survey questions.

Closing

Our next meeting is June 15th at 6pm off-campus. Location TBD. Kerri will open the meeting with a devotion.

