

**Outreach Team Meeting**

**April 5, 2022**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Chair:**

**Mike Zachary(P)**

**Members:**

**Joyce Grady (P)**

**Brittany Johnston-Colle(P)**

**Dale Anderson (P)**

**Bonnie Zachary(P)**

**Michael Morefield (Absent)**

**Caleb Mason(P)**

**Lilly Brink (P)**

**Robin Bowin(P)**

**Mark Lancaster(P)**

**Start Time: 6:05**

**Opening Prayer: Mike Zachary**

**New Agenda Items: Mark Lancaster**

- 1. Put a big thermos water dispenser on a picnic table on the concrete slab outside the Reception Room for people who walk by to get a drink. It could be maybe months of May through September, with a sign welcoming folks to come for a drink. Cup of water - COW. We would not need to have anyone on hand, just someone to set up and take down each day. Not any cost besides cups and water unless we want to offer more. We have quite a bit of foot traffic on the sidewalk, it could be a nice relief for walkers without having to go inside a business.**
- 2. Add an outside/portable toilet (rental) for similar months as above. Looks like cost is around \$100 per month. We could locate near basketball/parking area. This would be a community service and would be considerate to wanderers/visitors versus having to go in the woods (which happens).**

**Both efforts could be abused, so there is some risk. With outside cameras we have some coverage. Both would augment outside activities already underway, such as Shelter use and basketball.**

**Discussion: Robin**

**Homelessness is a real concern. My husband is a lawyer and as such I wanted to share some concerns. We must be aware of liability and responsibility. There are some unfortunate cases where abuse occurred inside a portable restroom and also we must know the responsibility we are taking on by supplying water stored in a container that may be tampered with. Robin suggests that we discuss more and we determine ways instead to: Invite people to church to worship with us, Hire barbers/ stylists to give free haircuts or possibly offer free oil changes.**  
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**Old Agenda Items: PB&J Update-Dale Anderson**

**Team Member Updates on Ministries:**

**Caleb Mason:**

**Outdoor Basketball at Gashland will get busier and busier as the spring season is upon us. Consider providing an evening where someone could cook hot dogs, ice cream and water for players.**

**Caleb has three names of families to make peanut butter sandwiches for and has contacted two of them who are very eager. One family is Spanish speaking and Caleb may have Marion Lynn interpret. Caleb's main goal is to expand the outreach radius around Gashland in order to grow relationships. While it is good that we have the existing outreach efforts which are shown in this report he would like to see us develop outreach closer to our church.**

**Dale Anderson: Mission Team Update:**

**On the second Tuesday of the month a group of peanut butter sandwich makers will meet at the church and then car pool with our own supplies to City Union Mission. Once there they will make 450 peanut butter sandwiches.**

**Mark Lancaster: Gashland Elementary School**

**Clothes donations will go to the school nurse for kids with a clothing problem during the day. We have done this in the past. It was decided that these requests will be processed through the Care Portal with Lilly Brink**

**Mark is participating with school students planting pumpkins, cucumbers and cantaloupes on April 6, 2022. Caleb will also be in attendance**

**Brittany Johnston Colle: Resource Health**

During the month of April Resource Health will be featured and shown in the Link. Currently the most pressing need are Quick Trip gift cards. Brittany is planning an April Resource Health baby shower in July of 2022.

**Lilly Brink: Care Portal**

Lisa McNearney spoke at conversations on Wednesday evening to educate those in attendance of how the Care Portal works. Signup sheets were left on each table which resulted in 26 from our Gashland family signing up to be included in email opportunity requests sent out by Gashland administrator: Lilly Brink

**Robin Bowin: Eleos**

The Peanut Butter team will make 50 sandwiches for Eleos on Wednesday so that Robin can deliver them to Eleos.

**Bonnie Zachary: Hillcrest Hope**

Sarah Todd currently resides in apartment 11 at Avondale which Gashland sponsor. Sarah works the evening shift at Amazon and is able to see her son David on the weekends. The primary goal of Sarah in coming to Hillcrest is to receive proper counseling and financially get on her feet so that she might regain full time custody of her son.

**Joyce Grady- City: Union Mission**

Dennis Ellis of City Union Mission will come to conversations on May 4, to update the Gashland family as to current issues and opportunities at the Mission. On May 14, 2022 from 10 am until 2 pm City Union will park a box truck on our south parking lot to collect donations of toilet paper, paper towels, large boxes of oatmeal. 5 pound bags of sugar and disposable forks and spoons

**Closing Notes/Remarks:**

**Next meeting: May 3, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.**

**Motion to Adjourn: Dale Anderson**

**Second to Motion: Robin Bowin**

**Close in Prayer: Dale Anderson**

**End Time: 730 pm**