

Mercy Team Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2022 @ 5:30 PM

Attendance: Mary Kay Lancaster (P) Wesley Langford (P) Josiah Colle (P) Robin Bowin (P)

Opening Prayer: Wesley

Devotion: Josiah

Pastor's Report: Ritchey called into meeting to provide quick debrief of Mercy Team agenda. Discussed methods and best practices to inventory congregational needs.

HelpNet: Josiah will discuss HelpNet and Operation 180 with John Russell and Paul Weatherford. Mary Kay will connect Josiah, Paul and John. Received request from a church member to change batteries in smoke detectors and clean air conditioning unit. John Russell was out of town at the time of the request. Josiah will contact Dale Anderson and the homeowner to schedule a date/time for the work.

Walk-in Ministry: Community Resource list has been created for walk-in ministry. Robin will format the list and distribute it to Kathy and Mercy Team. The list can be used to provide information for those contacting the church/walk-ins requesting assistance with food, etc. New Samaritan Sacks have been created. Robin will bring them to the office.

Card-Making Ministry: No report. Robin will contact Izzy to ask if she would like a roll of stamps.

Care Team Ministry: 16 cards were mailed in September. With Veteran's Day fast approaching, a list of church family members who are veterans is being created. Robin will send email to pastors to inquire. Christian Veteran's Day cards were purchased. Robin will work to grow our friend list and match them with volunteers.

Pastoral Aide: No report.

Compassion Meals: Meals were delivered to Fontaine Tebo and Letty Fenton.

Compassion Wheels: The Team is focusing on growing this ministry—especially for the winter. Mary Kay will contact Judy Ellsworth to inquire about managing Compassion Wheels. Mary Kay and Wes will be presenting information to the new members class on Nov. 13th. The need for Compassion Wheels volunteers will be discussed.

Memorial Meals: Three funeral meals were provided for Verena Jackson, Bob Drayer and Lila Langford.

Mercy Fund: *End of September:* Revenue \$120 Expenses \$0 Ending Balance \$28,986.54

Memorial Dinners: Karen Eilers funeral luncheon.

Other Items: The Porch article highlighting the Mercy Team will appear in the November issue. This write-up may be a driver for more volunteers as well as service requests. *Robin will include the Deacons and Session when submitting approved minutes *Kathy's email needs to be added to the approved minutes group email. Currently Jennifer's email address is attached.

New Agenda Items: Discussed taking inventory of congregational needs. The goal is implementing processes and procedures to better connect skills of volunteers with the needs of the congregation. Deliberated the approach of the book *Ministries of Mercies* by Tim Keller as well as ways to increase the number of congregants requesting assistance. Several items were considered: 1. providing several boxes and request cards throughout the church 2. Increased communication via undershepards 3. Upcoming November Porch article highlighting Mercy Team offerings 4. Creation of QR code/Google form/text help request methods 5. Install several screens throughout church with rolling announcements 6. Presentation of Mercy Team offerings at Wednesday night Conversations 7. Work with laypeople to spread Mercy Team news 8. Utilize special church events (i.e., Thanksgiving at church) to speak about Mercy Team. Josiah will create a mock up of a Assistance Request card. Robin will inquire about the feasibility of pulling a demographics report from Church Builder. Wesley will talk to Caleb about how Mercy Team can collaborate with his group of volunteers. Mary Kay will research installation of screens with announcements.

Next Meeting: 11/17/22 at 5:30 PM **Devotion for Meeting:** Mary Kay