

## GEPC Outreach Team

### Minutes from Monday, 19 Aug 2024

Present: Dale Anderson, Joyce Grady, Josiah Heshion, Lucy Hirsch (Guest), Mark Johnson, and Mark Lancaster

Meeting was called to order by Mark J. at 7:01pm. Then, Mark led with an opening prayer.

The first matter we discussed was a Ministry Update from Joyce, on several ministries (Hillcrest Hope, City Union Mission, Fountain City Church, Young Life, and Eleos). She had previously sent this info to all OT members via email. The current Outreach collection (month of Aug) is for the 3 local public schools that we support (Gashland Elem, Clardy Elem, and Oak Park High). This effort is being coordinated by Mark Lancaster. The current "Link" contains very detailed information on what the needs are and how folks can contribute.

The Sept. collection effort will be for Resource Health, and it will be coordinated by Brittany. Our future upcoming Outreach Collection efforts will be:

Sept	RH
Oct	Eleos
Nov	(tbd)
Dec	Hillcrest Hope

Then Mark J. gave a Ministry Update on CarePortal. He reported that GEPC has been very active in meeting CarePortal needs. During the first 6 months of 2024 (Jan-Jun), we helped 65 families, and this involved 91 adults and 201 children. The financial impact on the community was over \$32,000.

Dale then gave us a brief Ministry Update on the Missions Team (MT). Dale said he will forward to us the last set of MT minutes from the meeting on 25 July 2024. Their next meeting is scheduled for Thurs, 22 August.

Next, we received a briefing from Josiah Heshion and Lucy Hirsch. They presented to us a very interesting idea which involves providing sleeping bags and plastic sleeping mats to folks that need them. Lucy and Josiah want to tell the church about this, so that other people are given the opportunity to get involved. It was felt that the best way to tell the church would be to speak at Family Fellowship

(Wed evening), and at Abide and other SS classes (Sunday morning). Josiah said he would follow up on this.

Mark L. then gave us an update on the schools, and on the Community Garden. We then talked about our future OT meetings. It sounds like Mondays might work better for folks than Thursday.

Josiah led with a closing prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm. Next meeting will be Mon, 30 Sept. at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Johnson, Chairman

Note:

*(these minutes have been approved by the OT)*