

GEPC Outreach Team (OT)

Minutes from Monday, 30 September 2024

Present: Dale Anderson, Joyce Grady, Mark Johnson, and Bob Williams were present.
(note -- Mark Lancaster was not able to attend, due to a conflict with Mercy Team)

(1.a) Meeting was called to order by Mark J. at 7:02pm. Then, Mark led with an opening prayer. First we talked about the current "Link." The current issue of "Link" (9/29) contains three OT-related items:

- Yesterday (9/29) was the last day of the Baby Bottle drive for Resource Health
- Service opportunity (Eleos and City Union Mission) for folks who like to knit or crochet
- Operation Christmas Child: boxes will be available for pick-up on 10/6. (POC is Marlene W.)

(1.b) Joyce has submitted two items to go into the next issue of "Link" (10/6). Both items are for Eleos:

- Collection of warm clothing and blankets, and collection of green beans
- Upcoming Worship Night Fundraiser on 10/19/24

(2) Thank you Joyce for Ministry Updates on two ministries: Hillcrest Hope (Liberty) and Young Life (Platte County). She had previously sent this info to all OT members via email. The current Outreach collection (month of Sept) is for RH. This effort was coordinated by Brittany (thank you Brittany!!).

(3) Our future upcoming Outreach Collection efforts will be:

Oct	Eleos
Nov	Eleos
Dec	Hillcrest Hope
Jan	Resource Health
Feb	City Union Mission
Mar	Hillcrest Hope

Even though it seems unusual, we decided that both Oct and Nov would be devoted to Eleos. In November, Joyce would like to collect money, and that money would be used to buy turkeys (and other vittles) for the Eleos Thanksgiving meal.

(4) Dale then gave us a Ministry Update on the Missions Team (MT). Their last meeting was on Thursday, 26 September. The MT spent a lot of time working on the Budget, since this is Budget Season for GEPC. Dale gave us a brief rundown on what the MT is requesting for the coming year of 2025. Dale will submit his Budget request (accounting code 6210) to the Finance Team. Numbers are due to Phil Josephson NLT 31 October. The next meeting of MT is scheduled for Thurs, 24 October.

(5) Next, we turned our attention to the OT Budget (accounting codes 6110 and 6115). Currently, the Outreach Team is in a very solid financial position. We have stayed within our budget for CY2024. The 2025 OT Budget request is going to look very similar to the 2024 Budget numbers. The major difference is that we will take out the money for Lake McGinty's tuition since Lake is no longer serving at GEPC as a Pastoral Intern. With regards to Breakaway (accounting code 6120), they did not stay within their budget, and they overspent by a significant amount. Mark talked with Laura Cooper, and she felt that this was primarily because they bought water bottles and t-shirts which they handed out to the kiddos.

(6) Mark J. then gave an update on the Ministry Audit. Pastor Michael asked each Elder and Deacon to conduct a thorough evaluation of their Ministry Team, and record the results on a worksheet that he provided. The OT Ministry Audit Report has been turned in to Pastor Michael. Basically, the work that we do with our Ministry Partners can be broken down into four Strategic areas (or four "Pillars"):

- I. "Love thy Neighbor" (Hillcrest Hope, City Union Mission, Eleos)
- II. "Love the children" (Gashland Elem, Clardy Elem, Oak Park High)
- III. "Love unborn babies" (Resource Health)
- IV. "Love and Serve the Least of These" (Global Orphan Project)

Each pillar is associated with specific Scriptures that guide us and motivate us as we serve in these areas. Dale asked about the Ministry Audit Report (MAR) for Missions Team (MT). Bob and Mark told Dale that since Tom Crossett is the Elder assigned to MT, Tom C. will do the Ministry Audit Report for MT.

(7) Bob led with a closing prayer. Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm. Next meeting will be Thursday, 21 November at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Johnson, Chairman

Note:

(these minutes have been approved by the Outreach Team)