

TASK FORCE FOR CHILDREN IN POVERTY MEETING MINUTES

January 26, 2020

Sarah Brodie – Pre meeting announcement about Helping Hands

- Looking for volunteers (from Covenant and other churches – Trinity, 1st Pres, etc.)
- Will be held last full week in July or first full week in August, depending on school calendar
- Need a leader for recreation
- Need donations in-kind for lunch
- Contact Sarah Brodie or Cora Leigh Clark if you want to help

Attendees: Janie Ballurio, Linda Foster, Nancy Headifen, Debbie Metz, John Peterson, Karen Peterson, Ron Ramsey, Bill Roberson, Peggy Roberson, Joan Sayers, Brandan Sommerfield, Robyn Sommerfield, David Stahl, Kathleen Wilkers,

Devotions by Robyn Sommerfield

Approval of September 2019 Meeting Minutes

I. BUDGET

- \$200 from an anonymous donor for supplies for library books is currently still available – Karen is using it to replenish and buy new books
- Specific budget requests to go through Outreach – will request \$500 for improvements to the library and First Fridays supplies
- We can approach Outreach for specific needs that may be approved by session from the surplus

II. CURRENT PROGRAMS

A. Boys and Girls Club

- First Fridays Going well
- Things to work on: Parent engagement and getting the word out about the program to the community (the topic will be brought up at the Boys and Girls Club YD Committee meeting – how we reach out to schools, advertise, use social media, to get the word out about the program)
- Tutors can use more time with the kids – Karen to meet with Scott to see about getting additional time and helping with time management
- Karen and Janie to do a Moment for Mission to get additional volunteers for tutoring
- Janie will be serving a healthy snack at the Boys and Girls on 2/5
- Will continue with the Advent tree – next year will focus on books – kids will pick their favorite, and a person can buy the book and add a book plate saying who the book is from

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- Boys and Girls is working on youth summer programming – if you know of someone who may want to volunteer, the following weeks are focusing on the following lessons:
 - o June 15-26 Art, Performing Arts, Music
 - o June 29-July 10 Sports and Nutrition
 - o July 13-July 24 STEM

III. POTENTIAL PROGRAMS

- A. Shelburne Middle School – Peggy Roberson reports that there is a constant need for hygiene products – Outreach will be working towards requesting products, Ron Ramsey will help to keep the Task Force involved
- B. Building Bridges – report from David Stahl on the urban renewal project
 - The group tries to meet the third Monday of the month
 - Planning for a Breaking Bread March 14th event at Booker T. Will get additional information after the next meeting to report back at our Task Force 2/23 meeting to find out about attending and how we might be able to help
 - Find out if there is a way of helping children in poverty through this organization
- C. CASA – Frances Craig to discuss being a child advocate at the upcoming 2/23 meeting
- D. New Organizations that we have not yet researched or organizations that we should revisit:
 - a. Community Childcare – Janie Ballurio will reach out to Linda Owens to see if she would like to visit and talk about the organization at our next 2/23 meeting

IV. COVENANT Webpage:

- A. <https://www.covenantpresstaunton.org/serve/children-in-poverty-task-force/>
- B. Linda Foster has volunteered to send Martha Pierce articles and book recommendations that we receive to go on the Covenant website

Closing Prayer by Brandan Sommerfield

Those who wished to stay after to discuss the Spring 2020 Task Force plans remained to finalize everything. Anyone who wishes to attend is invited – we set up around 2:45 and start a little after 3.

FUTURE TASK FORCE MEETING DATE(S): Feb. 23 and April 26

Minutes submitted by Brandan W. Sommerfield