

Outreach Ministry Team Meeting Notes

Roy Muir convened the Zoom meeting at 7:30pm.

Present: Co-Chairs Roy Muir and Sue Muir, Laura Seyfried, Katie Rowan, Jamie Dylenski, Mary Jean Raab, Jane Schmerberg, Ron Dechert.

Meeting Discussion Points

- **Congregational Budget Meeting 11/20/22**: Ron reviewed again the outcome of the congregational meeting regarding the second half of our fiscal year. The congregation did approve a proposed budget with a \$135,000 deficit to be covered using our reserves. Bottom line for the OMT, we would have available \$5,237, the other half of our budget line item. Ron said we would need to decide how and when to distribute it recognizing the nonprofits we support have had funding cuts already. We will decide after the first of the year how to approach the disbursements.
- **Alpha House**: Laura reported that their director, Ellen Schulmeister, is retiring December 31, 2022. AH has started a search for a new director. They are also looking for volunteers to help out in a new way by volunteering at the front desk. If anyone is interested, please contact Zach at AH. Also, Zach is still working on the 2023 Meal Schedule, and Laura will let us know when it is published. A replacement for Laura as Executive Director of the Manchester Community Resource Center has been hired, and Laura will be working with her beginning in January.
- **Peace Neighborhood Center**: Sue shared that she and Roy attended the Thanks for Giving Dinner and Program on November 17. An additional \$20,000 was raised that evening for the new Wellness Center at PNC.
- **Food Gatherers**: Katie reported that we do have a date set up for May 2023 for another Volunteer Work Day.
- **OMT-EMT-YA Outreach Holiday Appeals 2023**: Sue reported that the information for ways to give to Peace Neighborhood Center, Alpha House and Food Gatherers has been published to be used weekly in the bulletins, group emails, and FB Communication Page. The information is also on our website. Jane reported that a Giving Box is in the Sanctuary for members to leave gift cards. She will check it weekly. The Mitten Tree is also up.

- **Ukraine Benefit Concert - March 19, 2023**: Because of how busy the music department is between now and Christmas, we will begin more active organization of this concert after the first of the year. A proposed budget of costs that need to be covered has to be drawn up. This budget would need to be presented to Finance to see if there is funding available to cover the costs (advertising, printing costs, etc.).

Next Meeting

- A future meeting date was not set at this time.

Minutes submitted by: Sue Muir