

APPALACHIAN TWINNING MINISTRY MINUTES
FOR 09 August 2016

Attendees: Gina Borsh, Nora Newell, Kathleen Joyce, Beth Yeakel, Mark Law, Joanna Piserchio, Jim O'Connor, Shirley Uzel, Will Langley, Judy Marchese, Susan Hoffman, Joy Elliott, Ron & Brenda Miller, Karen Rice, Marjorie Bagby

- I. ATM OPENING Prayer. Meditation readings from Kathleen Joyce.
- II. RESULTS OF School Supply Drive
 - a. **St Michael's parishioners donated over \$4,100.**
 - b. Next year, we will try to book Calendar Dates for our School Drive so that the Drive is completed in time for HFP to use our Walmart Cards to their best advantage during Back to School Tax Free shopping days.
 - c. Gina Borsh committed to obtaining details about the controls in place to assure that the donations were not misused. *(Result: On August 10, Gina spoke with Frannie Minton, Cathy Bolling, and Donna Lambert. They explained that generally, they buy the supplies themselves and deliver them to the schools, or they give the cards to the Center for Christian Action Director, who keeps meticulous records. In some cases, they give the cards to the teachers to buy supplies. All are confident that the cards are being used for **school supplies for children in need.**)*
- III. ATM Website/ Use of FlockNote
 - a. Access our ATM Website: St Michael's Website/ Serve/ Appalachian Ministry
 - b. Beth Yeakel and Patti Kamper are updating our ATM Webpage so we can use it for:
 1. Updates to our Committee Members and Parishioners;
 2. Storing our documents.
 3. Beth has already made several entries. For example, Beth already put a Thank You in the Website and in FlockNotes regarding the results of our School Supply Drive.
 4. Our ATM Calendar of Events. (Thanks, Beth!)
 5. A map of our HFP Churches. (Beth will add it.)
 6. Posting HFP Events and Announcements for us to see!!!!
 7. Meeting Minutes.
 8. Please send pictures/ideas to Beth regarding the Webpage.
Beth: emyeakel@gmail.com
 9. **Check it out!**
 - c. From now on, we will reference the webpage when we place announcements in the Defender and in FlockNote.
- IV. ST. MIKE/HFP CHURCHES LIAISONS: Building Relationships
We did not discuss Liaisons, but here is the latest info:
 - a. St Elizabeth's, Pocahontas: Mark Law, Donna Lambert volunteered to be liaisons.
 - b. St Theresa's, Tazewell: Gina Borsh, Cindy Lambert volunteered to be liaisons.
 - c. St Mary's, Richlands: We need volunteers
 - d. St Joseph's, Grundy: Nora Newell, Frannie Minton volunteered.
 - e. **We need a Subcommittee for Pocahontas and we will request volunteers from St Mike's parishioners.**
- V. ST. MICHAEL HOUSE, TAZEWell, Subcommittee: Will Langley (Chair), Shirley Uzel, Karen Hannon:
 - a. Father Dan has donated a house in Tazewell as a welcoming place for parishioners from HFP and St Mike's. The house will accommodate 6-7 people overnight. HFP has asked if any donations are needed for the house, and will help maintain the house.

- b. **Currently the house is available for ATM members to use.** There are some safety concerns that need to be addressed before inviting others to use the house. Also, the Subcommittee plans to fix up the house to be more comfortable.
- c. **If you would like to use the house, please contact Gina Borsh; she is keeping the schedule for people who plan to stay there.**
- d. Will take donations for the house as long as the donations do not have safety issues.
- e. **When you visit the house, please report all issues that need to be taken care of in the house to Will Langley.**
- f. The Subcommittee will prioritize all issues to be fixed (Safety Issues first); and will develop a Budget and Schedule for the work to be done. Will plans to provide this information to the ATM in October.
- g. Rules will be posted about visitors keeping the house clean when they visit.
- h. Will find out if we can receive donations from our Church Council to help with the work.
- i. Our ATM Ministry would not pay utilities for the house, but, we could make contributions.
- j. Identified Issues:
 - 1. Outside entrance needs a railing
 - 2. Needs windows that lock

VI. UPCOMING DATES:

- a. September 5, 2016: St. Theresa's, Tazewell, Rummage Sale. Nora and Mark will drive there to help.
- b. September 17-18, 2016: St Mike's Food Pantry/ RAM Drive: Mark and Nora. Nora will send a Flocknote about this event.
- c. November 5-6 and 12-13, 2016: St Mike's Toy Drive: Maddy Ricca will Co-Chair
- d. Jennifer Walsh is willing to collect Crockpots and Recipes to take to HFP if HFP likes that idea.

VII. FALL EVENT KEYNOTE SPEAKER AND POTLUCK: Committee Ron & Brenda Miller:

- a. SAVE THE DATE: Oct 1, 2016, Saturday at 6pm after the 5pm Mass.
- b. Mark Lynn Ferguson will be our Keynote speaker, native of Roanoke, VA. Publishes a blog titled: The Revivalist; is a Speaker.
- c. Ron will send Beth Yeakel information to include in a Flocknote.
- d. The committee agreed that we should offer to pay Mr. Ferguson \$400.00, plus hotel expenses.
- e. This will also be a fundraiser for the Appalachia Teen Venture Center. The director and some of their kids will join us and give short talks.
- f. HFP and St Mike's need to help break the cycle of Poverty. The Teen Venture Center is already saving this generation of kids. Glen Harrison, a doctor, created the Teen Center. Goal is to keep kids in High School. Has 166 members (kids), up to age 20. Programs include Music, Art, Radio Station, Tutoring, Wall climbing, skate board area, activities, etc. Laura Brown is the Teen Venture Center Director. Cathy Bolling of St Mary's in Richlands may also come St Michaels to attend the event.
- g. The Teen Venture Center is asking HFP St Mary's to commit to donating \$3,000 per year for three years to cover some of their operating expenses (Annual Operating Expenses are \$75k). So, St Mary's is asking St Mike's for the \$3,000. We will request approval to have a Second Collection that weekend and will set a goal of collecting \$5,000 at St Mikes for them.
- h. We will create a Flyer for the Teen Venture Center to place on the tables at our Potluck.
- i. FYI: Dr. Hannah B. Harvey is a professional storyteller from Appalachia. We have been trying to invite her to St Mike's for our ATM Fall Event, but her Mom went into hospice, so she has not been available. Please pray for Hannah, her Mom, and their Family.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Shirley Uzel will print pictures that we have taken of our fundraisers and visits to Appalachia and will help update the ATM Kiosk. Thanks, Shirley. Kathleen Joyce will help you.

IX. CLOSING PRAYER

Submitted by Kathleen Joyce