

APPALACHIAN TWINNING MINISTRY MINUTES

February 14, 2017

- I. ATM OPENING PRAYER. Meditation reading by Gina.
- II. VISIT BY BRUCE HOBART OF 2ND BAPTIST CHURCH
 - a. Mark Law invited Bruce to speak with ATM about the work that his church is doing in McDowell County, WV.
 - b. 2nd Baptist is working through Big Creek People in Action (BCPIA) to help the people of the area. BCPIA has a large budget. Some colleges and about 45 churches spend time in the county (e.g., one week in the summer, trips at Christmas time) doing work in the area (e.g., construction, home improvement). 2nd Baptist made their first trip three years ago. They have done things such as home improvements, fed people at Christmas, collected money for children's shoes, and brought meals to the homebound.
 - c. Their next trip to WV is scheduled for July 16-21, 2017. Approximately 16-17 people have participated on each trip in the past. Bruce invited us to join their group for the next trip.
 - d. Mark Law agreed to follow-up with Bruce and ATM to discuss how we can work together in the future.
- III. UPDATES
 - a. Shirley Uzell said that we need transportation to take items to HFP. Anyone going to the area is requested to help with this effort. Please coordinate with Karen Hannon to gather the items from storage.
 - b. Shirley gave an update on St. Michael House. Work continues on improvements. The quilt raffle raised approximately \$1300 that will be used to pay for the improvements.
 - c. The HFP representatives have indicated that food is the main issue for the HFP community. Cindy Lambert wants to offer monthly lunches at St. Theresa's.
 - d. The ATM Bake Sale is on schedule for April 1 and 2. Bernice Allen and Stella Sargent are the co-chairs of the event. We'll need help with baking and helping at the tables before and after Masses. Please consider helping in any way that you can.
 - e. Donna Lambert of St. Elizabeth's has spoken with Karen Hannon about conducting a book drive to support the prison ministry.
 - f. Ron Miller has graciously agreed to co-chair the ATM.
 - g. Gina Borsh will be resigning as a chair of the ATM, effective April 1.
 - h. Fr. Felix Rex Amofa, the new pastor of HFP, will be visiting St. Michael's the weekend of March 25-26. We discussed the possibility of inviting Fr. Amofa and Fr. Dan to lunch with ATM members on Saturday or Sunday to give us the opportunity to get to know one another and learn how Fr. Amofa thinks we can help. Gina said she would invite the priests and co-ordinate the event.

UPDATE: Fr. Amofa accepted our invitation for Saturday, March 25. Karen Bowens put this on Fr. Dan's calendar for 12:30. Fr. Dan has to be at Reconciliation at 3:30. Ron and Gina spoke about plans for the lunch. We'll be having a potluck at Gina's house, at 12:30 on March 25. Invitations will be sent to the ATM members.

IV. CLOSING PRAYER – OUR FATHER