

ATM Meeting Minutes – May 9, 2017

1. Opening Reflection: Ron Miller introduced the idea of basing upcoming reflections on a theme. We will use the theme of “one anothering” for the next several meetings (Ron handed out a paper that listed different Bible verses on this topic). Beth Yagel volunteered to lead June’s reflection. She chose Verse 23 on Ron’s list (“Carry one another’s burdens”). We’ll post the list on our webpage for future reference.
2. Establishing liaisons with each of the HFP churches: Nora Newell has offered to lead the effort to improve communications between the ATM and each HFP church by establishing liaisons. The role of the ATM liaison would be to stay in touch with his or her counterpart to keep abreast of what’s going on, and how we can help. It shouldn’t take more than an hour or two per month. Here’s who we have so far:

Church	Liaison
St. Elizabeth (Pocahontas)	Mark Law
St. Mary (Richlands)	Nora Newell
St. Joseph (Grundy)	Open
St. Theresa (Tazewell)	Open

ACTION: *Would you please prayerfully consider volunteering to be a liaison? If you’d like to discuss it further, please contact Nora (804.467.2946 or nbrocky06@netzero.net).*

3. Bill Breitbach said that St. Elizabeth’s is still raising money through by making and selling cabbage rolls.

ACTION: Mark Law should check on this to see if we can help them in the future.

4. We agreed that we would use the remaining money in the budget that came from the Human Concerns account to buy Walmart cards that we’ll use for the Back to School drive or to help with RAM. Karen Hannon had sent an email saying that the funds had to be used by the end of May.

ACTION: Ron Miller will get the money and buy Walmart cards through Scrip.

5. Mark Law asked if we could donate money directly to RAM.

ACTION: The liaison (TBD) for St. Joseph’s should look into this because this outreach is connected to St. Joseph’s.

6. We discussed the fact that last year the ATM agreed to earmark \$6,000 that so that we could donate \$3000 in 2017 and \$3000 in 2018 to the Teen Venture Center in Richlands.

ACTION: Gina and Ron to talk with Karen Hannon about how to accomplish this.

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7. We discussed the back-to-school drive that will be held in July. Susanne had the action to confirm dates with Karen Hannon. However, today (May 10), Magda Schultheis has scheduled the drive for July 15-16, so we can move forward with our plans. We also agreed that in general, it's important that we improve our accountability of how the money that St. Michael's parishioners donate is spent, and report this to the parish.

ACTION: Susanne Ferris and Kathleen Joyce to move forward with planning the back-to-school drive for July 15-16.

ACTION: Gina and Ron to find a means to improve accountability and reporting of how the money is being distributed.

8. We discussed the possibility of having a retreat. We agreed that we should plan to invite our ATM members to spend a day or two at HFP. The plan would be to offer one or two dates for people to attend. The intent would be to build relationships with the people of HFP and their communities, and with one another. No actions were assigned yet on this.

ACTION: TBD

9. Shirley Uzel gave a brief update on St. Michael house, with photos. It's a lovely and welcoming space, and is ready for guests. Thanks for all the hard work that you and your team have done, Shirley!

ACTION: Shirley will put a note in the bulletin about the house being ready for use by the entire parish.

ACTION: Gina to find out who is keeping the reservations and the keys, and the instructions.

Meeting Attendees:

Bill Breitbach Joanna Piserchio

Susanne Ferris Ron Miller

Stella Sargent Brenda Miller

Mark Law Beth Yeakel

Shirley Uzel Marjorie Bagby

Gina Borsh

Minutes respectfully submitted by Gina Borsh