

Hickory Neck Church Outreach Committee Minutes, December 2, 2008

Present: Bob Gay, Chuck Jundt, Gay Forloine, Gary Harvey, Anne Johansen, John Greenman, Patty Kipps, Lauren McDonald, Laurie Brown, Bill Teale, Rick Garfield, Linda McGee, Tom Gee.

The primary task of this meeting was to decide on allocation of funds in our Outreach treasury, which totals \$13,447 at present.

The committee discussed criteria for decision making and shared additional information on the various groups/agencies. Bob noted the need to support agencies that are on the edge; Lauren affirmed that we are assisting local agencies.

After much discussion, the committee voted and agreed on the allocation for the following groups:

- Angels of Mercy \$5100
- Housing Employment and Linkages Project (HELP) \$3600
- Williamsburg Faith in Action \$2400
- Grove Christian Outreach \$800
- Spirit Works \$675
- Williamsburg Walks the Talk \$300
- Meals on Wheels \$300
- Eastern State Hospital \$250

This allocation used up most of the funds in our outreach treasury, and will be distributed for the 2009 calendar year. More money will come in as HNC clothing that is on order is received and paid for. There is also the possibility of another fund raiser in the spring.

In other business, the committee agreed to accept the Memorandum of Understanding which Lauren has signed for the HELP Project. Seven churches have signed this, including all 3 local Episcopal churches.

The committee approved a request by a parishioner to have a collection of items for the SPCA drive. Lauren will get more information from the parishioner to assist in deciding how/when this will be done.

We will change our meeting night to the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

This is the last meeting for Chuck and Gary, who will be leaving their Outreach duties for other positions in the church. John thanked them for all their hard and productive work. At their absence, Lauren will facilitate for a while, until we have a vestry liaison and decide on a committee chair. Lauren wants to change the focus of the committee to move towards a theological/interpersonal orientation and discernment approach. Lauren will continue to meet with committee members individually to talk about this.

The next meeting will be January 20, 2009 at 7 p.m.