

Evangelism meeting
February 14, 2017

Present: Pastor Glenn, Kathie Miller, Carolyn Barden, Diane Hebert
Absent: Maria Van Dyk, Cookie Moen (now part of a new committee)
We welcome Carolyn to our group as liaison from the council.
Seeking a few more new members for our group.

Old Business:

We will not be participating in the Salsa Festival coming in March. We want to focus our energies on other areas of outreach.

Kathie reported the the church directory is going well. We still need updated emails for our weekly eblast.

We are unsure of how many people have planned to do the neighborhood food drive. Three of us on the committee are planning to participate. We will bring collected food on Sunday, February 26. We'll also request the congregation to bring food that day to add to the collection.

New Business:

The global outreach group is working on sponsoring a church in Tanzania.
It was suggested that we send the '5th Sunday' hunger jar months to the Tanzania mission.

The food bank is still not sure if they will be funded after May 2017.

Options for the current money collected on Sundays:

- Support Maricopa Community Church with their present food bank.
- Use a portion of the collected funds for the church in Tanzania.
- Use a portion of collected funds for ELCA World Hunger.

The church wide planning day is set for March 11. Non council people will attend from 9-11am, followed by lunch. In the pm council will finish up business.

Need a head count for the number of non council attendees to plan for food for lunch.

Kathie Miller will look into having a hospice liaison talk to us about their goals. She will also ask a member of the Maricopa Multicultural consortium to speak about their vision.

Dates to be yet decided. Invite Kim VanBatavia to give a temple talk on what she does with her coupons for a cause. We also discussed possible funds to help her with this effort. Guest presenters need to be made aware of a 5 minute limit.

Our church signs need to be able to show our evening worship times during holidays, with a slide out strip to change the times. Kathie Miller will talk to Gary Decker about that.

Kathie and Pastor Glenn gave their insights into the Synod Missional Conference on intentional outreach that they attended last weekend. Kathie said one of the things that she took from the conference was on the difficulty getting people of different cultures/backgrounds to worship together. Another comment was change is often made one person at a time.

A few other goals were mentioned:

Window clings with "Maricopa Lutheran Church" given to each family that walks through our doors. The committee will look into cost.

Joining ELCA's "Human Smuggling" was discussed as a possible mission outreach of our church. Pastor Glenn suggested having, Jan Baker, the head of this mission outreach program, come and speak to us.

It is hoped that when we have our own church building that we will offer our space for some type of community outreach.

The next meeting will be on April 4 at 10am at Pastor Glenn's.
We closed with prayer given by Pastor Glenn.