

Bethel Lutheran Church Board of Outreach Agenda

Monday, March 3 from 5:00-6:00 pm

Meeting Agenda

- A. Call Meeting to Order-Cindy Erbes will be acting chairperson of the meeting
- B. Roll Call
 - a. Those in attendance: Cindy, Pastor Amy, Kelsey, Terri, VondaLee, Joyce
 - b. Those absent: Tracy Peterson,
- C. **Devotion**- Kelsey
- D. **Share Outs**: Highs/Lows

Old Business:

- A. Minutes from February 3, 2025 meeting
 - a. Motion to approve: Terri
 - b. 2nd: Kelsey
 - c. All in favor, none against
- B. Review and act on any FFS applications:
 - a. none
- C. Noisy Offerings:
 - a. **February**- Richland/ Wilkin Food -Amount collected:\$512 + food donations
 - b. **March**- Be the Love offering- pay it forward - Temple talk and blue sheet: Joyce
 - c. **April**- Circle of Nations- prepare goody bag- send home with students.- Temple talk and blue sheet: Terri
 - i. April 13th- temple talk
 - ii. Discuss this event at next meeting
 - d. **May**- Campfire Worship services (May 28, July 2, July 30, & Aug 27)
 - e. **June**-
 - f. **July**-
 - g. **August**- Backpack program- Temple talk and blue sheet:
 - h. **September**- Lunch Buddies – Kinship- Bethel members - Temple talk and blue sheet:
 - i. **October**-
 - j. **November**-
 - k. **December**-
- D. **College Outreach Subcommittee Report**:
 - a. No update- will update at next mtg

E. FFS Community Outreach Luncheon – April 11, 2025 11:00-1:00

- a. Formed a subcommittee w/chairperson: Cindy, Joyce, Vonda, Tracy
 - i. Set a time and date to meet: Thursday ,March 17 @5pm
 - ii. Invite members of the congregation-will need to put something in blue sheet to see if any members are interested in being on the committee (Tracy will put on blue sheet) **Done**
 - iii. Review notes for January meeting see what worked
 - iv. Space between those with addictions that the police are aware of, and those who are actively committing crimes. Joyce invited pastoral ministerial members to FFS meeting to connect them with resources
- b. **No additional update here- will discuss after sub-committee meets**

F. Next New Member Sunday: Sunday March 30

- a. Formed a subcommittee w/chairperson: Kelsey, Joyce, Terri
 - i. Subcommittee will meet: Monday, March 3rd after Board of Outreach Meeting
 - ii. Getting the word out re: New Member Sunday
 - iii. New Member Orientation date and time: **23rd 4PM**
 - iv. Food for orientation: **Pizza & 2L pop from Walmart- Kelsey pickup; just existing paper products, Joyce to give tour**
 - v. Reception-get to know congregation
 - vi. **Gifts for new members: Spring Plant or flowers in vase and balloon- Joyce to get plants. Kelsey to get helium tank and balloons**
 - vii. Photos of new members for bulletin board
 - viii. Decorating: **Use existing decorations- decorate the day of @8:30**
 - ix. **In between services, brunch pot luck – Kelsey make sign up sheet for members to bring, egg bake, rolls, donuts, juice, fruit**
 - x. **Terri checking on napkins**

New Business:

- A. Gift Card Bouquets from FFS project
 - I. Joyce can let the group know how much was collected: **13 gift cards \$20-\$40**
 - II. How does the board want to do this? **Leave gift cards @ church office for staff to use as they see fit**
 - III. Will the FFS recipient be one of those that will receive? **NO**
 - IV. **Motion by Cindy: Leave gift cards individually (not a bouquet) at the church office for church office staff to use as they see the need arise; 2nd Terri; all in favor, none against**

B. Plan for Assembly of Pantry Chicken Meals and Delivery

- I. Lisa Bassingthwaite said Sunday School will add a dessert to the packs with: cake pan, boxed cake mix, can of pop and frosting and directions about how to put it together
- II. Can board purchase what is needed through board funds, noisy offering money or FFS funds to make sure we can donate 75 meals? **Joyce & Cindy counting food on Tuesday, March 4 and will inform via text what we are in need of.**
- III. Confirmation Kids Help:
 - i. Could it be done on Wednesday, March 12 **YES: 5:15-6:30**
 - ii. **Terri & Tracy to attend**
 - iii. Assembly line-lets make sure this is planned out well. Keep kids engaged. Lisa mentioned that the kids get upset when there is not enough for them to do when they volunteer.
 - iv. Lisa would put together a sheet with directions for the Chicken meal (Tracy will email the recipe to Lisa)and dessert along with information about Bethel Lutheran and the programs and times.
 - v. Students decorate the recipe sheet/directions
 - vi. We will need bags to pack all this in: **Terri checking with Gate City, and informing the board via text; backup: Pastor Amy order from Amazon**
 - vii. **Figure out Delivery (same night, different night, youth helping??) Linda Miller to help- NOT the same night as packing**

C. Carseat Safety Check: See Brianna Walsh email.

- I. Would the board like to sponsor? **Motion by Vonda to approve; 2nd: Cindy; all in favor, none against**
- II. Any ideas for what we could do (treats, promote, etc.): **Small goodie bag with treats or a fidget of some sort (be careful of choking hazard), balloons and a pamphlet with all of the youth happenings at Bethel**

D. St. Catherine's Outreach

- I. **Talk over summer and plan for next year- build into programming for next school year**
- II. Adopt a resident
- III. Get the kids involved

Next meeting: April 7, 2025 @ 5:00-6:00

- A. Devotions: **Terri**

Future things to discuss:

- FFS Outreach Luncheon, Friday April 11-Subcommittee report
- Give Back Gala: previously done Feb 2024; would like to continue but discuss at a different time.
- Card making: Spring: Create cards to be used for Thinking of You, Thanks, Sympathy, Way to Go, Easter, etc.- Tracy check with nursing home to see if/what their need is
- Summer agenda: Organize with board of education- kids and Leech home activities for 2025-26 programming year: Planning starts in September
- Fall New Member Sunday- Fall: October 12

Meeting Adjourned