

MISSIONS WIN TEAM MAY MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 14, 2018, 6:30 pm

Attendees: Moe Parisien, Lisa Fetters, Jim Peich, Liz Shuburte, Autumn Dennis, John Himpel, Barbara Curry, Cindy Wolk

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GOAL: By the end of 2021, resource 500 people within Parkway, Rockwood, and Valley Park school districts. After group discussion, this team's goal will be restated as: "By the end of 2021, serve a minimum of 500 people within Parkway, Rockwood and Valley Park school districts. Revision to goal was made as the Personal Essentials Ministry will definitely serve more than 500 people starting with first delivery on May 14th. In addition, the team determined that "serve" is a better term for our ministry than "resource". Goal will continue to be evaluated moving forward, keeping in mind that mission work is often about HOW we give vs. WHAT we give. We want to be a leader in the community as it relates to care and meeting human needs.

DATA GATHERING SINCE APRIL:

Mideast Area on Aging is now "Aging Ahead". Contact was made with Cindy Carlson, Community Operations Specialist. They have a robust services program for the aging and would love to partner with MUMC. Next step request Cindy come in and speak to our WIN team. Perhaps partner with them in respite care (which they call in-home services) or Stephen Ministry. See website AgingAhead.org for further information.

Moe will ask if there are any programs for older people taking care of children affected by opioid crisis.

St. Louis County Planning – published demographics and population change in West County. Their last version was in 2012; next won't be updated until Fall of 2018. Four trends were cited in the 2012 report: Declining population, aging of population, rise of millennials, increases in concentrated poverty.

School Districts – All three have been contacted and are collecting information. Additional information forthcoming from school district contacts when end-of-school-year activities are over. Parents as Teachers contact said there has been a real increase in need for translators, especially Spanish and Chinese. Team discussed need for tutoring as we have a lot of retired educators in our congregation. Oasis is the main tutoring agency who has over 100 tutors in Rockwood alone. How do we plug in to offer additional tutors?

Islamic Foundation – Contact made with Office Administrator, asked if we could possibly partner on health care with disadvantaged in West County – supplies or other resources? MUMC has reached out to them before. Our Confirmands go every year, sometimes our Discipleship classes as well. They also do job training which could fit in with Bridge Bread.

Commented [MRP1]: Met with the Jan Keith, Director of Community Engagement and Cindy Carlson on Wed., 5/23. Discussed many opportunities for MUMC partnership and landed on a priority of Aging Ahead of providing "personal essentials" for seniors in the 4 surrounding St. Louis Counties. More information contained in the Google Doc Data Gathering notes for the Missions WIN Team.

International Institute in St. Louis – possible opportunity for translators. They help immigrants assimilate into the community and become productive citizens, similar to ESL. Kelly Moore said best way to connect with them would be to come visit – last Wednesday of every month is an open house. They offer a wide range of services from babysitting to apartment hunting. **Moe will get back with them regarding a Wednesday visit and asking if they need space in West County.**

City Leaders – **Wildwood** leader mentioned we were the ones who just had the Opioid presentation. He thought more presentations like that for the community would be great. He did not have suggestions for specific needs other than that. **Lisa will follow-up with Wildwood leader.** **Ellisville** leaders mentioned elderly people in their city who could use minor yard clean-up (cutting grass, fixing gutters, etc.). This could prevent city from obtaining liens and going to court over “city nuisance” violations for being out of compliance. Blue Bird Park outdoor pool, can be cost prohibitive for large families. Huge program for seniors involving day trips. Former **Manchester** leader did not have any input. **Valley Park** didn’t have the time to adequately address the issue. **Ballwin** contact wasn’t sure if we should be talking with their Mayor or City Administrator. Got the sense that some of these cities were not interested in taking on new things. Also, lots of low-income people in apartments that are just getting by, hard to discern what their needs are. Trust can be an issue with these residents. **John will work on finalizing his three cities report. Cindy will explore needs of residents in low-income apartment complexes and also talk with Circle of Concern about any unmet needs.**

Additional thoughts – are we being sensitive to the social issues our communities are facing? Could we have a monthly resource support presentation (including a meal) like the recent Opioid presentation to let these people know they are not alone? **Check out organizations for parents with addicted children – Barbara took as an action item.**

Another suggestion - someone who could present on Narcan? What kind of service programs (not necessarily treatment programs) are available? It could be as simple as making space available. Programs for the military? We have a Veterans Sunday for our members, but that’s not community-wide. Bike Rehab is discussing partnering with an organization to serve children of deployed soldiers.

The team discussed the need to take a comprehensive look at the many ministries we’re already doing and possibly ELIMINATE some programs that are struggling. If our performance isn’t living up to what we’ve promised, we shouldn’t be adding more. All households have budgets, our church is the same thing; need to live within our means. Perhaps focus on relationship-building items that involve TIME vs. those that involve MONEY. Need to be realistic and responsible. **Autumn will evaluate what we’re doing, if we’re doing it well, and what smart goals would be appropriate.**

Discussed upcoming presentation to the Leadership Board in July. It would be great to have current list of giving ministries, how we measure performance, anything we want to add, and a list of concerns.

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The team noted we need to do a better job of sharing our successes!!! Suggestion made to put a "Did you Know" blurb in the bulletin that lists successes, such as..... "collected 3,000 rolls of TP this month"....."made 100 sandwiches", etc.

Moe will reach out to Jim for template on presentation to Leadership Board. He'll also take on how we can better leverage space at MUMC for community needs.

Next WIN Team meeting June 18th at 6:30 pm in Room 309.

Drivers/Values Necessary to Accomplish Our Goals

Christ focused Shared Accountability Regularly assess progress
Celebrate successes and learnings Transparent Communication
Grow trust and teamwork