

## Missions WIN Team Meeting Minutes

4-14-18

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

Jim opened the meeting with prayer followed by a discussion about this WIN Team's goal: *By the end of 2021, resource 500 people within Parkway, Rockwood and Valley Park school districts.* This doesn't mean mission activities in the city of St. Louis and in Mozambique are less important, but a lot of input has been received regarding the importance of also reaching out to those in our immediate community. The team agreed to assist those who both live and attend the three school districts above. All WIN team goals are drafts; it's up to each team to refine as further information is obtained.

Team agreed there is a need to perform appropriate research regarding area demographics, trends and needs prior to delving into specific initiatives. The following are contacts to make along with who volunteered. Action items are highlighted, not all were taken.

- Mid-East Area Agency on Aging - Moe
- Other local churches
- St. Louis County Planning Agency – Barbara
- Local school resource offices – Liz
- Islamic Foundation – Moe
- City Leaders:
  - Wildwood, Ellisville – Lisa
  - Eureka – Liz
  - Manchester, Ballwin, Valley Park – John (team assigned after he left 😊)
- St. Louis County Health & Human Services – West County – Cindy
- West County Chamber of Commerce (President is MUMC member Lori Kelling)
- United Way
- Circle of Concern – Cindy

A common list of questions will be developed to facilitate the discussions above. Moe will put out single Google Doc that can be modified for school/city discussions and also for human service agency contacts.

The following ideas were presented by various team members, selection of ideas will be based on needs identified following discussions mentioned above. Exception is #1 which is already underway. Any chance to leverage existing work in these areas and form partnerships would be a plus vs. reinventing the wheel.

- 1) Personal Essentials Ministry – partner with Circle of Concern to provide personal essentials items to their clientele. This project is expected to serve 600 families starting in May, 2018.
- 2) Respite Care – Provide care for adults at the church a couple times per week at no cost so their caregivers can have up to 4 hours for other purposes.
- 3) Home repairs – Assist congregants and others in the community with necessary home repairs. Could also expand to include house cleaning and/or yard maintenance.
- 4) After-school child care – very much needed and has been discussed frequently
- 5) Monthly mission event at MUMC – offer different stations, family friendly to engage adults, children and youth. Keep it short, possibly 2 hours on a Saturday. Good way for others to sample missions work without a large time commitment.
- 6) Expansion of Food for Kids – currently serving 57 families, are there more?
- 7) Parents Night Out, Kids Day Out – this concept is frequently a sellout by other organizations who offer it
- 8) Assimilating local immigrants - for example the Asian population is growing in our area. Need could include translators, financial planning, etc. One resource here is the International Institute downtown – Liz will send contact name to Moe who will follow-up with them.
- 9) Creating credit – example was Kingdom House's recent effort to provide loans to clients who pay back in small amounts that are then reported to Credit Bureaus to help those clients establish credit.

Moe will send out possible dates for the team's next meeting.

Minutes submitted by Cindy Wolk