

Mission and Outreach Committee Minutes
January 30, 2017

In attendance (at the Rectory): Caroline Haynes, Janet Hansen, Monica Dinan, Judy Andrews and Daniel Ruff.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm. Judy Andrews opened with a prayer.

Minutes for the November 14, 2016 meeting were approved.

Rebuilding Together

Daniel Ruff reported that he is assuming responsibility for the Rebuilding Together program for St. Michael's. The committee thanked Dan for taking on this ministry and succeeding Ed Menoche. Rebuilding Together is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2017. The committee suggested that Dan might want to go ahead and put out a "save the date" notice in the Guardian. The Yellow Envelope collection in March will go towards offsetting the \$1750 payment due now. Dan has contacted Church of the Covenant to see if they would like to partner with St. Michael's again. He has not heard back but will indicate to the organizers that we would like to find another partner if Church of the Covenant is not available.

ASPAN

Monica Dinan reported that she had difficulty contacting representatives from ASPAN about what items would be most helpful for the January basket collection. There will be another basket collection in April and the focus will be on light-weight jackets and rain coats.

APAH Backpacks

Judy Andrews reported that the Rebecca Guild will be sponsoring a "cookie walk" fundraiser to support purchasing back packs and school supplies again this year. The committee agreed to provide more detailed information about exactly what is needed to provide more guidance for parishioners in purchasing supplies.

Refugee Support

The committee discussed possible ways to support refugee assistance efforts since we are not prepared at this time to take on a family of our own. Members suggested that perhaps parishioners would be interested in helping to collect furnishings and other household goods for families that are being sponsored by other organizations. Judy Andrews will continue to be our point of contact with Catholic Charities.

Doorways

Linda Kelleher and Terry Dinan noted by email that they have made initial contact with representatives from Doorways and intend to follow up.

Bishop's Discretionary Fund

Caroline Haynes reported that \$658 was collected during the bishop's visit in January. **The committee agreed to plus that up to \$750 for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.**

Stop Hunger Now

We are still in need of an M&O liaison for Stop Hunger Now. Caroline Haynes agreed to post an article in the Guardian noting that we are looking for a new member of the congregation to assume this liaison responsibility.

Ugandan Church

We collected \$1,070 towards the funding of the flooring for the church in Bukalasi, Uganda. The total cost of the new floor is approximately \$2,700. **The committee voted to plus up the amount collected to \$1,500 toward this goal.** The flooring is a priority for the church, to support both their religious programming as well as to support four separate preschool classes that are using the Bukalasi Church during the week.

ChildFund International

The committee agreed to disburse \$1,260 to support the five children that St. Michael's sponsors, plus an additional \$40 per child for birthday presents. **The total amount the committee agreed to disburse is \$1,460.**

Yellow Basket and Envelope Schedule for 2017

Below is the anticipated schedule for collections (basket collections for May and July will be determined at the April M&O meeting):

	Yellow Envelope	Basket Collection
January	ASPAN	ASPAN
February	Child Fund International	AFAC: Non-perishable food
March	Rebuilding Together	Reading Connection (children's books)
April	MAF	ASPAN: Light weight and rain coats
May	Reading Connection	<i>TBD</i>
June	Doorways	AFAC: Non-perishable food
July	AFAC	<i>TBD</i>
August	Episcopal Relief and Development	APAH: School Backpacks and supplies
September	Child Fund International	Doorways: Supplies and Gift Cards
October	Bukalasi Church Floor	AFAC: Cereal
November	(Angel Tree)	(no collection due to Angel Tree)
December	(Angel Tree)	Doorways/ASPAN: socks and tights??

Summary of disbursements:

	<i>Amount collected</i>	<i>Amount Disbursed</i>
Bishop's Discretionary Fund	\$658	\$750
Bukalasi Church	\$1070	\$1500
ChildFund International	\$1128	\$1460
Rebuilding Together	(Collection scheduled for March, 2017)	\$1750

The committee was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

The next Mission and Outreach meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 24 at 7:00 pm.