

Mission and Outreach Committee Minutes  
October 16, 2017

In attendance: Caroline Haynes, Monica Dinan, Terry Dinan, Helen Hines, Lisa Harkins, Evelyn Bence, Maureen Doallas, Linda Kelleher, Terry Dinan, Janet Hansen, Dean Scribner.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm. Dean Scribner opened with a prayer.

Minutes for the June 26, 2017 meeting were approved.

**ASPAN**

Linda Kelleher reported that the St. Michael's mini-walkathon on September 24 in support of ASPAN raised total of \$905, which includes \$140 funded from Mission and Outreach for children's registrations. In addition, there were checks made out directly to ASPAN that totaled \$70.

Monica Dinan reported that ASPAN continues to need small toiletries and those are now collected year round. She will check with ASPAN for a list of needs prior to the next basket collection scheduled for December.

**Turkey Trot**

Helen Hines noted that the check for \$500 is due this week if St. Michael's is to be included in the list of sponsors. The committee agreed to continue sponsorship and noted that the 5K has become a popular community event. There was discussion about coordinating a St. Michael's team this year to participate. Recipients for the 2017 Turkey Trot include: AFAC, ASPAN, Thrive, OAR, Bridges to Independence and Young Life South Arlington.

**ChildFund International**

Lisa Harkins reported that she has been in contact with the ChildFund International representatives regarding questions that arose from correspondence with Wihelmina (Mina) Bili and members of the St. Michael's Children's Choir. Mina graduates from high school this year and she has a desire to attend college, but lacks the funding. Lisa noted that children used to age out of CFI at 19, but can now continue sponsorship until age 24 as long as they are still in school. Questions arose about how we might help Mina to pursue college. Discussion included a range of possible suggestions including continuing to support Mina until age 24 at the current levels, promoting a special collection toward her college funding, seeking sponsorship from within the parish, providing matching funds from M&O, in addition to questions about the precedent this might set and the sustainability of continued support. Lisa agreed to be in contact again with the CFI representatives in Indonesia to seek additional responses to the questions raised before we take additional steps.

Note: The Minutes from June 26, 2017 M&O meeting noted that we approved \$50 as a graduation present. That amount was increased to \$100 after an email exchange among M&O committee members.

### **Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)**

Evelyn Bence reported that Tim and Liz Schandorff have returned after five years in Haiti to the US at the MAF headquarters in Idaho where Tim is being trained in the finance department. The Schandorffs will continue to need support for their missionary work. They likely will make a trip to the eastern US sometime next year.

### **Reading Connection**

Lisa Harkins reported on the unexpected news that after 28 years in operation in Arlington, the Reading Connection closed its operations as of the end of August. Little additional information is known about the closure, those some suspect their efforts to expand the program beyond Arlington may have contributed to its demise.

Lisa suggested we might explore other literary support programs, and agreed to share information about Free Mind, a program that provides books for prison inmates.

### **Refugee Assistance**

Maureen Doallas reported on the successful basket collection in July for the Welcome Kits that are given to refugee families when they first arrive. Maureen noted the range of opportunities for parishioners to respond to specific needs in the refugee community. She will plan to write an article for the Guardian and we'll include links to the various websites on the Mission and Outreach page. The committee also agreed to designate a basket collection for needed items in February.

### **Episcopal Relief and Development**

Caroline Haynes reported on ongoing disaster relief efforts by ERD in Houston, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and now also in California. Most of the relief efforts are coordinated on the ground through local and neighboring dioceses. ERD, along with a number of other denominations, have partnered with Convoy of Care, based in Springfield, MO, which provides critical distribution services for emergency supplies. In Puerto Rico, ERD is working with the Diocese of Puerto Rico and focusing on water purification and energy generation.

ERD has been developing a new program and training called "Pastors and Disaster Toolkit" to focus on local efforts for community mobilization, risk assessment, disaster risk reduction and disaster response. The objective is to focus on relief efforts at the local level to develop community resiliency, prevention, preparation and local response.

### **Angel Tree**

Lisa Harkins reported that she would be putting up the Angel Tree tags for 60 children at the end of November.

### **Bukalasi Church**

Dean Scribner reported on his July trip to Uganda, and his visit to the Bukalasi church. He noted that the floor in the church has been completed and is being well used by the pre-school during the week. Satellite churches in the area are also serving as pre-schools and we might consider additional fundraising to assist in additional flooring projects. Dean noted that he would check back with the church to identify current needs.

### **Doorways**

Terry Dinan reported on a recent meeting she and Linda Kelleher had with Linley Beckbridge, Doorways Communications Director, about the range of services that Doorways now offers. In addition to the safe house, the Freddie Mac home, and the 24-hour hot-line for domestic abuse, Doorways is now offering a range of support groups for victims of domestic violence. Terry suggested that St. Michael's could make some kind of support gift bags. The committee recommended moving the basket collection for Doorways to January, and possibly setting aside a Sunday during coffee hour to make valentines.

### **AFAC**

Helen Hines offered to organize another bean bagging event, plussing up the \$334 to \$500 to purchase the beans. Helen will check with Rosemari about possible dates in November.

### **Homeless Bagged Meals**

The committee agreed that we should invite David Donaldson to join the Mission and Outreach committee as our representative for the Homeless Bagged Meals program.

### **Meals on Wheels**

Lisa Harkins reported that Judy Andrews and Danny Boticello will be giving up their Meals on Wheels route when they move at the end of the year. Lisa noted that Judy has been delivering meals for many years and we will want to recognize her and Danny's service. Lisa also noted that we need to increase the number of substitute drivers for the program.

### **Food for the Poor**

Caroline Haynes and Janet Hansen noted that an additional \$250 had been collected on July 16, 2017 during the collection for Food for the Poor that had not been disbursed.

Caroline will check with Parish Administrator Wil Harkins to clarify that four contributions of \$60 each in the months of June–Sept. have been accurately recorded.

## Disbursements

Linda Kelleher made the motion, seconded by Monica Dinan with unanimous support for the following disbursements:

	<i>Amount Collected</i>	<i>Amount to be Disbursed</i>
Turkey Trot	0	\$500
ASPAN	\$825+direct contributions	\$1500
AFAC	\$334	\$500
ERD: Disaster Relief	\$288	\$1500
Doorways	\$783	\$1000
Food for the Poor	\$250	\$250

## Tentative Yellow Envelope and Basket Collection Schedule for 2018

	Yellow Envelope	Basket Collection
January	ASPAN	Doorways (and valentines)
February	Child Fund International	Refugee Assistance
March	Rebuilding Together	AFAC: Non-perishable food
April	Rebuilding Together	ASPAN: light weight and rain coats
May	MAF	<i>TBD</i>
June	Doorways	AFAC: Non-perishable food
July	AFAC	Items for Refugee Welcome Kits
August	Episcopal Relief and Development	APAH: School Backpacks and supplies
September	Child Fund International	Doorways: Supplies and Gift Cards
October	Bukalasi Church	AFAC: Cereal
November	(Angel Tree)	(no collection due to Angel Tree)
December	(Angel Tree)	ASPAN: toiletries

The committee was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

The next Mission and Outreach meeting is tentatively scheduled for mid-January, 2018. Caroline Haynes will send out a Doodle poll to confirm date.