

Mission and Outreach Committee Minutes
June 26, 2017

In attendance (in the Memorial Garden): Caroline Haynes, Monica Dinan, Judy Andrews, Terry Dinan, Helen Hines, Lisa Harkins, Evelyn Bence, Julia Carter, Maureen Doallas.

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

Minutes for the January 30, 2017 meeting were approved.

Vestry Liaison and Refugee Support

Julia Carter was welcome as the vestry liaison for Mission and Outreach. She noted the "Steps Along the Path" vision statement for St. Michael's, specifically how we are called to cultivate and share generously God's abundance, and how this relates to interest in the parish to provide refugee support.

Maureen Doallas reported on her connections through Lutheran Social Services and Catholic Charities in supporting an Iraqi family. Under discussion were various options for greater involvement by St. Michael's. It was decided that we will begin by taking up collections in July for "Welcome Kits" that are given to refugees when they first arrive. Maureen will submit an article for the bulletin and sign up sheets for items needed for the welcome kits.

ASPAN

Monica Dinan reported that ASPAN is now picking up items collected in the basket collections. Not many raincoats and windbreakers were collected in April, and she will contact the new volunteer coordinator about specific needs before the next collection.

Linda Kelleher was not able to attend the meeting but sent information about the planned mini-walkathon to benefit ASPAN scheduled for Sunday, September 24. Adults will be asked to contribute \$20 per person, and the Mission and Outreach funds will be used to cover children at \$10 per person. It was recommended that we publicize the mini-walkathon in Nextdoor Bluemont to encourage neighbors to join us.

Doorways

Terry Dinan reported on a recent visit she made to one of the Doorways homes. She noted that they continue to expand their services and are working to provide a wide range of support services to residents. She suggested that we consider having a representative from Doorways come speak at an upcoming coffee hour. Having a broader Mission and Outreach Sunday where a range of organizations are represented was also discussed.

AFAC

Helen Hines reported that she sent a check for \$530 to AFAC from Trivia Night. It was decided that the proceeds from the yellow envelope collection in July will go towards the purchase of bags of beans and rice so that we might host another bean bagging party at St. Michael's in the fall.

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)

Evelyn Bence reported that in addition to Tim Schandorff's work with MAF, Liz Schandorff is providing a tremendous amount of support to the missionary community. Evelyn noted some of the daily struggles of raising a family amidst considerable security issues. It is likely that the Schandorffs will be back in the US this fall and a visit might be arranged to St. Michael's.

Reading Connection

Lisa Harkins noted that some of the books donated to the Reading Connection were not in very good shape and we may need to emphasize that we are looking for new or very gently used books for future collections.

ChildFund International

Lisa Harkins thanked David Donaldson for taking the lead on having the children's choir write letters to our CFI children. She noted that Mina is aging out of the program and hoping to attend college. The committee suggested sending a graduation gift of \$50.

APAH Backpacks

Linda Kelleher sent in an email indicating that APAH will be requesting backpacks for specific children, so that we can better match what is collected with specific needs. It was suggested that we might do the same for the refugee family that Maureen Doallas has been working with.

Disbursements

By unanimous vote, the committee approved the following disbursements:

	<i>Amount collected</i>	<i>Amount Disbursed</i>
Reading Connection	\$98	\$250
MAF	\$886	\$1500
ChildFund International – Graduation Gift for Mina	\$241 remaining in CFI account to be applied to 2018	\$50

Yellow Basket and Envelope Schedule for 2017

	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	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 Floor	AFAC: Cereal
November	(Angel Tree)	(no collection due to Angel Tree)
December	(Angel Tree)	Doorways/ASPAN: socks and tights??

The committee was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

The next Mission and Outreach meeting is tentatively scheduled for early October. Caroline Haynes will send out a Doodle poll to confirm date.