

Cooperative mtg. April 25, 2010 @ Clawson 4:00

In Attendance:

Nancy Thompson, Ken Dowell, Duane Miller, Jim Thompson, Jean Isaacson, Jen Butka, George Covintree, Elizabeth Hill, Anita and Jim Brown, Ray and Lorraine Rowell, David Huseltine

Agenda:

I. Habitat build-Ken

This is a work in progress; plan is a 2 week blitz Monday to Saturday, few weeks off, then return to finish. Construction begins this week. Check website for dates and work. Shed out back, so will be doing that as weather permits Sat. May 1, with siding. Specialists during 2 weeks to do plumbing, electrical, etc., then finish week of May 18.

May 22/23 painting, finish work, cabinets, fixtures. Dedication ceremony planned for 4:00 on Sat. May 22. Can Lay people help out for dedication since this is conference? Ken will find out about work the week of May 18. Contact Ken if workers are interested. May be an opportunity to provide food the week of May 17 on MTW; Let us know if there's interest at any church.

Lunches – May 1st; Madison Hgts. providing lunches. Snacks/fruits for 32 people. Eat on sight. Bring prepared, easy to eat on sight. Mid morning by snacks – 9:30 or 10. Provided by Berkley 1st

Workers – 1624 Griegg Ave. Mad. Hgts; 11 and Dequindre; Show up 8:00 am;

Taking \$ donations also, so if churches can't offer man power, look for collecting \$ for Habitat.

Having problems finding homeowners, many afraid they'll lose their jobs and fear homeownership. Any families? Homeowner fair May 1 at Madison Hgts.; hope to get families willing to try it and have an income.

BANNER – Yes; cross and flame logo and go off of heading on website; Decision made for vision bigger, Cooperative name smaller underneath. SO...Big – Compassionate Neighbors in Cooperative Ministry; smaller – Southeast Oakland Cooperative Parish. Jane will get it going and hopefully have it done for building day. All agreed to somehow share cost of banner. Discussion started on having a budget for our cooperative for costs such as these.

II. DS questions – from community

NA group at Madison Hgts, but not meeting there anymore. Curious if there was a reason. Anyone have an NA group at their church? Ferndale has AA and OE; other churches have outside groups; Only issues is smoking. Possible future meeting place?

III. Who makes up the cooperative? Are there 9 churches ? Suggestions?

Discussion started regarding incidental costs – think of churches giving contribution to get our cooperative moving. Suggestion to choose a church to oversee the \$

Suggestion made to make monetary contributions - \$25 per church, see it as a membership fee; This “shows” one is truly interested in taking part.

Oak Park and Mad. Hgts both expressed interested, but need to attend. Can we put together an “insert” to show who’s involved, and interested areas, then they can highlight and pass around to congregants for info and attendance? Maybe 3 weeks, 3 different facets of information. Get website/calendar link out for EVERYONE!! Maybe insert saying this is happening, not necessarily we’re a member. Simply to see if there’s interest.

Maybe a “did you know?” or “Have you heard?” insert first, then mission and vision statement, then last one is an invitation. Give the churches an opportunity to use as info for bulletin if they wanted. Get emails!! Jane and Nancy will work on it and bounce it back for all to see. Maybe give them a month, then phone call to see if they are going to be a part.

Hazel Park – Maryellen Chapman pastormaryellen@wowway.com

Oak Park Faith – Jonathan Combs jcombs_99@yahoo.com

Madison Hgts. – Thomas Taylor JANESE38@aol.com

Clawson – Tom Keef; keefguys@wowway.com, pastortom@wowway.com

**If any of these pastors are leaving, we need new pastors’ names/emails to invite them to participate.

Layleaders? Possibly send out information to them regarding the cooperative, not just clergy. Conference website – will give emails for lay leaders. New system – next year local churches. www.umc-detconf.org

Financial piece – table for next meeting. \$25 per church and one vote for use of money.

Old Business:

Calendar – Need a person from each church to get access and enter dates for events. Get a login from Ken. Clawson suggested their secretary.

Chairperson – Need to decide on chairperson once George leaves. If we find we are a true cooperative, then can get a coordinator with a stipend. This needs approval from district cabinet before we are “official,” even though we are currently official in all of the members’ eyes.

Upcoming Events: Clawson – May 15, Infant/CPR training call church for registration, free training 10-12 noon. Not a certification class.

Ray and Lorraine – 1st time attending the cooperative – welcome! Add email to contact information. rwrum@umich.edu

Ray questioned purchasing of office supplies; shared that, with ink cartridges turned in, paying for most office supplies at Staples. Churches are able to get coupons. We need to get copies of info from Michael for cleaning supplies for those who were missing from March meeting.

Next meeting – June 6, where? 4:00 Madison Hgts maybe? If not, we'll do St. Johns or Embury. We would like someone to step forward as coordinator, doesn't have to be clergy person.

Reminder will be sent for meeting – I promise!