

## Oct. 10 – Coop. Meeting Minutes

Opened by David in prayer

Attendance – Jane, Ken, David, Jim, Anita, Jean, Margaret, Alice

1. Coop recognition month – exchange of lay readers, put coop. out there for others to see and learn about. What are you doing? Can use banner if want it (ken has it). Some confusion over whether we are mystery guest now or taking part. Jane says understanding was “greetings from X, your sister campus in the cooperative.”
2. Advent – Handout  
Create Trifold, make available, on webpage. If/When you have advent planned at your campus, let Coop know for publication. Also, put on website calendar.
3. Website – how to put stuff in, check info, maps, etc. Beverly Hills newsletter – Opportunities around the cooperative. Cutting and pasting stuff from Coop calendar and putting it out to church in weekly newsletter. One idea was to put it up as power point (if you use visuals at your service) before service. How to plug into the coop. Word of mouth by those who visit other campuses will show it’s not scary. Anything to highlight, let Ken know and he’ll put on home page of website.
4. SOS – still trying to get dates, coordinating with Ferndale and Berkley. Still waiting.

NEW – Habitat date – see website; rescheduled from Sept. Now work day is **Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>**. Good project, paint and interior work. Hampden st. project, time – 8 am til around 4. Food still by Clawson, any other need? (food for 24), **snacks, water needed**. Link available to sign up (doodle). Site host gets there early, handles sign up, legalities, name tags; most sign up for construction.

Updates – Things to do cooperatively,

- Intensive bible study – Companions in Christ; doing sometime in new year; already have some trained to lead. Maybe another year, do Disciple
- Stephens Ministry (SM)– approaching those who are trained to do training. As coop, we could offer this ministry. Giving names to those who could be attached to SM. Lay persons trained to listen and provide ministry. More than a listening ear, then refer to a professional. Confidential, however, some reluctance to go to someone in their own congregation. This would allow seeing someone you don’t know. Very formal training, kind of expensive and lengthy.
- Peggy – possibly do kids advent activity/program from all congregations together. Do a Sunday afternoon or evening. Help coordinate? Has script, music, etc. Have ideas for simple or complex as you want. Touch base with CE’s to help out possibly. Let Peggy know by Nov. 1. Kids interested, musical group – could be adult groups, teens, etc. traditional Christmas carols.

- Stewardship training from UM foundation, Port Huron district. Will come to groups of churches to give talk on stewardship. Helpful on resources, how to start, what fits for your needs, what works/doesn't. Basic understanding. Wayne Barrett, David Bell presenters. Want a stewardship training for cooperative? 9-3 for this training, but can pick format for training. Many were interested, Ken suggested possibly next spring for us.
- Lay speaker roster/training opportunities – Want to compile a bio of all lay speakers, what they like to preach on, time available, etc. “blurbs”. Alice is lay speaker, says there is a list in newsletter, but some speakers are left out. Suggested we compile a list of Musical groups and/or other programs campuses are willing to share. David will look into drafting letter to lay people about compiling booklet, asking for bio to share with coop.

Clawson – broke through resistance, one member against is now saying, “I’m catching on to this. It’s a strengthening thing for us.” Jane related to Berkley’s clergy association and STAGE youth. No one’s ever changed churches.

Announcements –

Rabbi Klein Bible study in Jan. – reading Genesis again for the first time. At LaSalette Catholic Church in Berkley

Dec. 12 – Longest Night service, loss service at Greenfield with Berkley First. Info coming.

Alice – womens’ group tea on Oct 24 to help homeless, to help COTS. Bill Ritter is speaker.

Peggy wants to get someone else involved for swap, will contact Madison Hgts. to send someone. Possibly contact Mike to see if able to get someone to go from Ferndale.

Jane and Jen want map of campuses for our cooperative bulletin board at Berkley.

5 people from SOS came to Clawson service this morning; 5 got apts., one client said using this experience as learning experience to help her church offer ministry to the homeless. One person volunteered lots when they worked for big corporation now sees the other side. Lots of folks saying they were touched and learned more this year. One HS grad who came and slept over, parents active, now is asking “What else can I do to help those in need?”

Next Meeting – Nov. 14 @ Berkley, 4:00.



## **Spread the Laughs V**

**Monday, October 25 at 6:00pm**

**At Comedy Castle in Royal Oak**

If you would like an evening of good food and good laughs, come to the Comedy Castle of Royal Oak on October 25th. The South Oakland Citizens of the Homeless (S.O.C.H.) is sponsoring this evening of fun. For \$30 you get a delicious meal and an outstanding comedy show. You can purchase tickets through the church office or call Mary Johnston at 248-399-0935.

With winter almost here S.O.C.H. needs to build up its reserves so as to be able to care for the ever increasing homeless population in Southern Oakland County.