

Nov. 14 meeting @ B1stumc

Attending – Peggy, Alice, Joan, Jean, Anita and Jim, David, Margaret, Ken, Jane, Jen, Nancy, Jim

Missing – Mike, Rony, Sam\*, Carter\*, Duane

Old Business –

Coop. Recog. Month Review – Jim went to Bev Hills, went very welcome. Commented on bulletins and ushers. Jane went to Ferndale, Alice to Clawson, greeted all the way from parking lot, want to go back. Had coffee hour and stayed long. Ken went to Berkley, Embury, and St. Johns. Invited to the men's breakfast. Worked at community dinner and was recognized by members. Jean went to Mad. Hgts., was greeted and people were very nice. Mad. Hgts knew very little about coop. Some have had difficulty getting someone to respond, but pastor is ill and not preaching. Deliza and Alexis from MH were interested in taking part at one time. Will continue to include in correspondence.

Work Day – Synopsis, lunch from Clawson, painting day in Mad. Hgts. Approx. 12 took part, dedication coming. Pictures of day on website.

Coop. Christmas program – cancelled

All service times for the holidays listed on the website.

Coop Bible Study - Will talk to Carter about Companions in Christ bible study, intense; about 12 week commitment. Will have to coordinate with Lent and then hash out dates and schedules.

Stephens Ministries – Rony looking into. Connect to Stephens Ministry programs in other churches; Berkley 1st and Ferndale are only ones with background in this ministry. Do we need refresher training?

Peggy will call mtg. with finance chair people or others interested; Many options available for trainings from UMFoundation (in January for stewardship training). Aim for spring.

Lay Speaker roster – coop wide, need to create list and bio. David will follow up. Email any info to him. Paragraph of interests, length of time being speaker, possible topics enjoy preaching on, etc.

SOS – CONFIRMED DATES – emails will go out to everyone as volunteers are needed.

BERKLEY 1<sup>st</sup> – Jan. 23-30

FERNDALE – Jan. 9-16

New Business –

-Jane: attended workshop in November, study for leadership teams. May be a good coop. thing to do. Michael Slaughter, instrumental in Rething Church movement - Change the World DVD, but need book. Thought it may be good for us to do together with all church leadership teams. Will work well with about 2-3 people from each church. Premise is getting people out of the church and in to the

community. Offer for outreach, missions, et al. Could encourage each church to do more, but could lend itself to coop. as well. Time wise, would make sense to do with new officers Jan. 1, so offer mid Jan-mid Feb. Suggestion was made to start with just Cooperative members, see it in meeting and then use it. DECISION – We will watch for Jan. meeting and decide from there. Will then discuss and see if we need to organize a longer study.

Comments: Ken –this would be good goal for coop., related to east side coop. and notes. David will talk to Rony about this plan. Jane – this would prepare us for the UMC Change the World Event. We can plan for this in advance. Set aside 90 minute meeting for that day.

Spring, after Easter – do coop worship service, one worship space, inviting all clergy and people to come worship.

Announcements –

Clawson – Shared info on Blessings in a Backpack – through schools, given a backpack of food for the weekends. Clawson UMW going to fill backpacks– 600 children eligible for the program. Could be a possible endeavor for us.

St. Johns – Suggestion about St. Johns giving a “how we do it” presentation on community dinner program so that others may get it going. Funding, publicity, etc. Possible meeting, speaker in spring. A lot of stubbornness 😊. Suggestion made to maybe have offering of dinners on different days not far from each other. Different weeks, different days, etc. This could help if it was one day a week or once a week.

Annual Conference – District is doing med kits, not health kits. May be a response for individual churches. Margaret likes us doing a conference thing together; Gives us recognition as a group instead of different churches. Nancy will bring specifics in Jan.

Next Meeting - Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> – meet at 2:00 at Berkley First (our first day of SOS)