

SE Co-op Meeting  
May 1, 2011

Attendees: Nancy Thompson, Jean Snyder, John Ptasznic, Margaret Buccini, Alexis Dunmire, Ken Dowell, Peggy Garrigues, Mike Cadotte, Rony Veska, Alice Tucker and David Huseltine.

I. Old Business

- a. Change the World weekend—Sat. May 14
  - i. Beverly Hills Community garden—starting at 9:30am will be turning the soil and putting up fencing; need volunteers with shovels and gloves; being done in collaboration with a neighborhood group who will care for most of the garden plots, but plots will be on church grounds.
  - ii. Madison Heights Community Garden—also starting at 9:30 am; plots will be rototilled before hand, but need lots of help with the planting; only church & co-op members are committed to working on this garden; Need volunteers with rakes, hoes, and hand trowels.

Madison Heights doesn't have a recipient of their harvest designated yet; suggested they work with Gleaners, and can contact John Ptasznic for more info on how this work.

Mike Cadotte to email powerpoint slide to all churches with summary of this info to be used by each church in their announcements

- b. Joint Co-op Celebration evening worship service—at Clawson UMC at 6:30pm
  - i. Reviewed minutes of worship service planning meeting that were handed out
  - ii. Theme = Together We Do More
  - iii. Dwayne Miller has agreed to preach, but has yet announced his sermon title nor related scripture readings.
  - iv. Each family asked to bring one stuffed animal to be donated to Orchard Children's Care Foster Service; any size animal (and any animal) as long as is new
  - v. Nancy to contact George Jonte about collaborating with Joe from Ferndale First and Anita from Clawson about all musical elements, including choice of 2 to 3 hymns; joint choir to sing anthem of He Never Failed Me Yet.
  - vi. Jean will do opening prayer; while Peggy & David will collaborate on pastoral prayer; rest of elements to be determined by the planning committee (benediction; offeratory prayer, etc)
  - vii. Peggy needs picture of their church from each congregation to be used in the co-op slideshow being shown during the service.
  - viii. Offering to be designated half for Dwayne's mission of choice in honor of his retirement (probably Liberia) and half for the co-op. Ferndale has volunteered to administer the separate Co-op bank account.
  - ix. For refreshments after the service, each church needs to provide 3 dozen cookies; Clawson will provide the rest.
- c. Child Care Certification training—David to make arrangements for this to be done the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in August at Berkley First.
- d. Discussion of Spiritual Gifts Study in the fall and the Back-to-Work workshops deferred because main resources/presenters not present today.
- e. Discussion of possible joint Stephen's Ministry lead to conclusion that due to cost & time commitment that we would just refer potential clients to existing programs who are reported to have care givers available already.

## II. New Business

- a. Co-op group retreat—winter 2012; focus group to plan this formed with John, Alexis, Nancy and possibly Alice. Looking at overnight, possibly with Faith Fowler as key speaker and not at one of our church buildings; John Ptasznik to lead this group.
- b. Ferndale First offering a cheaper and abbreviated version of Dave Ramsey's material in a Christian Finance Class to be held on four Wednesdays, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm, beginning May 25<sup>th</sup>; Cost will be \$10 per family and people wanting more info can contact John Ptasznik at 313-570-4228. Preregistration by May 22<sup>nd</sup> required. Flyers passed out to be posted in each church.

Next meeting will not be until Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm at Beverly Hills UMC.