Matthew 25 Task Force Minutes

March 7, 2024 7 PM by Zoom

Attended by: Linda Bradley, Gloria Comstock, Rick Comstock, Norie Smith, Nancy Hopkins-Garriss

1. Opening and prayer was led by Nancy Hopkins-Garriss

2. The Minutes of the January meeting were reviewed and accepted.

3. The Team welcomed Norie Smith to the Matthew 25 Team!

4. Updates on House Churches and Marks Groups

* Centering Space--Mark
* Sanctuary—Nancy—Sanctuary has built strong fellowship and is practicing all four marks of the church. Continuing to work with Marisol and Lilliany.
* Hearts and Hands—Linda—Shawls and lap robes are continuing to come in. Meetings are by Zoom and attended by 7 to 8 people. About 11 people are making shawls, shoo boxes, etc.
* Turning Tables—Rick and Kandy—Shove Tuesday dinner went well. They raised money to support backpacks. Planning dinner for Maundy Thursday.
* Reaching out--Kandy
* Backpack—Rick—Supporting about 100 families between the 2 schools.
* Clothes Closet--Mark
* Valley Interfaith Action—Nancy—VIA was disappointed that the Supervisors did not approve the letter of support for the transportation grant. Nancy is still working with transportation and Mo is working with child care. The Core Team has not pulled together to meet, but communicates by email.
* Guns to Gardens—Linda—Not going to continue as a group.

5. We are working on updating the Google Doc. It was only sent out to the House Churches, so Nancy has asked Victoria and Kelsea to send it to Marks Groups as well. Nancy will follow-up to make sure people are having access to it. After groups update their information, the Matthew 25 team will review it. A non-writable version will be posted on the Trinity Website, once reviewed.

6. Kandy and Mark are working on putting summarizing the discussion about stewardship from the session into a format that can be used to lead the process of further updating the House Church and Marks Groups documents.

6. Keith at Massanutten Pres sent an email to Stephanie about inviting a peacemaker to the Presbytery and whether Trinity would support this with time, attention, etc. The Matthew 25 team is excited and willing to help with this, especially in conjunction with the Harvest team.

7. Some ideas for keeping and increasing the awareness about being a Matthew 25 Congregation were discussed. Suggestions included:

* Rotate slides in the morning announcements—making sure the slides have pictures showing activities such as clothes closet, the wall in the hall, prayer shawls, and other activities that fit into the Matthew 25 areas of emphasis. Make one that says “Questions about Matthew 25? Ask (list of Team Members)?” Nancy will work with Victoria on whether she has time to help with slides.
* Article for Nous—Have a questions and answer format for activities. We need to plan out the articles with a systematic idea of when we want to emphasis each idea.

8. The next meeting date will be April 18th.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Hopkins-Garriss