

Summerville Presbyterian Church
Mission and Benevolence Ministry Team
Meeting Minutes – June 4, 2009

Present: John Franks, Joseph Friday, Sharon Klein, Sandy Lee

John Franks opened the meeting with prayer with a Spanish translation of the prayer by Sandy Lee.

The minutes from May 7, 2009 were approved as written.

Communications: None this month

Hispanic Ministry Update: John gave a brief update of the Hispanic Ministry. It continues to go very well. The youth will start meeting the first Saturday in June. John stated that the Evangelism Ministry team wants to do something with the Spanish Worship Group as a part of Evangelism Weekend in September. A pot-luck dinner after a “blended” worship service on that Sunday is one possibility. It was noted that Hispanic Heritage month begins September 15.

Habitat for Humanity: John stated that the workday on May 30th went very well. There were six or seven people from the Church. There were also 20 people representing the Air Force. The group made significant progress painting doors, ceilings, and walls.

Mission Trips: The Mission Team in its discussions about Mission Trips is starting to develop a plan around an opportunity to participate with Sandy Lee’s group in October with a trip to Costa Rica, planning a SPC trip to Costa Rica in February, and an intergenerational trip during the summer. John Franks will write a simple sign-up article to ask for people that are interested in helping to plan and participate in our mission trip opportunities.

Review of Committee’s Finances for 2009: John reviewed the Ministry Teams finances. All items are in overall very good shape and control.

Advent Conspiracy: Still expected to be considered at the Session retreat in August. A subcommittee will likely be formed from several ministry teams, including ours.

Blood Drive: Sharon reported the Blood Drive went very well. We had 39 donors and several first time donors. The next Blood Drive is scheduled for August 30th.

Wednesday Night Live: Joseph Friday will be representing the Mission Team on the Wednesday Night Live Planning Committee. The Mission Team is interested in doing a Mission Program early in the WNL schedule to share with the Church the Mission trips taken by Peter Klein, Sherry Roberts, and Buck MacGarity. In addition the Mission Team wants to set the focus for the next year’s mission plans.

Water Mission International: The committee discussed participating in a program very similar to a “5 Days in May” program put on by Water Missions International (Web Site: <http://5daysinmay.com/>). This program asks the participants to order and drink water for a week instead of soft drinks, tea, etc. and donate the cost difference of the drinks to the Water Mission International. The Ministry Team approved this as a program we want to participate in by consensus and is recommending doing this the week of August 23rd. Because it is not “May” the Team decided to call it “A Week for Water”.

New Business:

Bibles for Service Personnel: Sharon brought an idea from Kim Robbins called Operation Worship. This program sends Bibles to our Armed Forces. John will review this material and it will be discussed at our next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2009 @ 7:00 PM (no meeting in July)

John Franks closed the meeting in prayer.

Item for Session Approval:

Session is asked to approve a mission opportunity / fund raiser (described above) called "A Week for Water". The congregation will be asked to voluntarily participate in this program designating the donations to Water Missions International.