

Outreach Committee Meeting
Orchard Valley United Church
Minutes – October 1, 2017

The Outreach Committee met on October 1, 2017, after the 11 a.m. service. Present were: Susan Cater, Sylvia Jacquard, Cheryl Manzer, Helen Seymour, Sue Smith, Beth Spindler.

Outreach project reports:

Benevolent Fund: There have been 3 requests in last 3 weeks, the 2 for food were redirected to the Food Bank. The last one has not been responded to yet.

Canucopia: The next event will be held on Sat. Oct. 28 at the Atlantic Superstore in New Minas from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Posters should go up in the 13-14th and the sign-up board will go up two weeks before. Sylvia has volunteered to do an email remainder the Friday before.

Glooscap Breakfast Program: We have done our first week of the year and have recruited some new members. Interestingly, two of our weeks are four day weeks. Dec. 4 to 8 is our next week.

Kentville New Minas Inter-Church Council: They haven't met.

Food Bank: They are advertising for more volunteers and particularly for people for management positions and for stocking shelves. The Food Bank has distributed 35,006 kgs of food since Jan. of this year. They are down 200 clients but also 2000 kg of food. Orchard Valley has donated 882 kg of food (including spring Canucopia) from Jan. to the end of August to the Fundy Food Bank.

Devour is putting on a free chicken dinner on Sunday. Oct. 29 for people using the Food Bank. 800 chickens have been donated from Canadian Chicken Producers. People who have donated to the Food Bank are also getting tickets for the dinner. Susan suggested that we get a bus to go from Kentville to increase the number of Food Bank users who would be able to go.

Meet Your Feet: They are growing. The new nurse has been a good addition to the team. Open Arms supper was done. We will be declining to do a supper on Dec. 31. Seniors living at Highland View would like to have some recreational/social programming. We will go there and see what their needs are and will be applying for a Seeds of Hope grant to help with this project. Financially, Meet Your Feet is good shape. Cheryl moved and Beth seconded that we move the \$1000 that we annually commit, from the Outreach Budget to their account.

Open Arms: We will not be doing a December 31 dinner. The numbers were down to 35 at the last dinner in July, and there were 50 people who attended in September. There were new people there.

Christmas Hampers: No information has been received yet. Early registration takes place in October.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Nominations: Sue Smith and Susan Cater are stepping down. Susan Cater will continue to help with Canucopia. Susanne, Cheryl, Helen, Sylvia and Beth are serving another year. Kelly will need to be asked if she wishes to continue.

Next meeting:

November 5, 2017 after 11 a.m. service

Respectfully submitted,
Sylvia Jacquard
Secretary