

DRAFT

Minutes of Outreach Meeting January 9th 2018

In attendance: Lynda Turner - Chairperson
Rev. Richard Stetson
Carolyn Evans- Treasurer
Duncan Matheison
Nancy Wigen
Derek Emmerson- Recorder

Regrets : Ken strike

Richard opened the meeting in prayer

Caroline reported that all of the money (\$7500) for 2017 was allocated.
\$7500 was been budgeted again for this year.

She also commented that there are no Naloxone kits available on SSI for distribution and that the only alternative for those in desperate need was to call 911. No discussion on what we, as a group, can do to help.

We did not give the normal amount of \$500 to Family Place in 2017 although a request was received for money to buy car seats and to rebuild the deck. It was observed that the building is under-utilized and supported adequately without further help from the parish at this time.

Lynda reported that the proceeds from the Angel Tree fund raiser were disappointing. After initial hesitation about going back to Kenya after her trip there in 2017, she has decided to return with a friend in 2018. She provided a written report on the many projects. An expurgated version follows. \$1000 was requested for rain water collection and approved.

In a follow up to the last meeting, Richard has spoken to Trinity Time, who are involved in three reserves, about the possibility of providing scholarships. There was no clear way of seeing how this might work. We may consider a contribution.

Nancy suggested training support to the Christian Blind Mission for the training of midwives. No decision reached. ????

Lynda suggested the possibility of subsidizing two places for each Star of the Sea program Richard will consider and discuss with the responsible group. SOS gets \$6000 from the Diocese. We are supposed to match but there is a \$3000 shortfall.

Richard closed the meeting in prayer

The date for the next meeting was set at _____

My trip to Kenya in March was to be my last one. Mary Beckett, my partner this time, said if I returned with her in 2018, she would consider continuing on with the projects so I'm scheduled to travel to Kenya again in 2018.

Our major project this year was the provision of textbooks. We delivered \$3000 worth of texts to the poorest school I've encountered. We concentrated on Grades 1 & 8. Grade 8 writes national finals to determine whether they can go on to secondary school. That class went from no books at all to 1 book for every 4 students particularly in science & math. We did provide some books for the other subjects as well. The children were overjoyed. We, of course, provided hygiene kits, uniforms, lavettes, water collection systems, and goats as usual.

2017 has been a busy year fundraising. Besides attending 8 craft & garage sales, I held a mid summer dinner, a new to you art sale, a bridge tournament, and a pre Christmas champagne soiree. Most of the money raised will go to Amalemba Elementary in Kakamega. It is the school that covers most of the slums in that city. Besides providing the usual uniforms, a rain collection system, and hygiene kits to those who need them, we will be providing school lunches, maize and beans, for the famine months, March to August, as 80% of the students don't have breakfast or lunch even during the good months. In addition we will assist the school and its students in setting up a school garden so they can provide for themselves in the future.