11/17/2015

SVLM BOARD MEETING

PRESENT: Jeanne Coffman, Shirley Maddox, Beverly Polk, Susan Fleming, Pr. Jeff May, Frank Conner, Cathy Christovich

Frank Conner called the meeting to order. Jeanne reported that at the October meeting there was discussion of an upcoming fundraiser for the Faith Community Nurse program.

National Lutheran Communities and Services $20K for FCN and $15K also for FCN.

In our search for an Executive Director, Susan has contacted Friends of the North Fork, Shenandoah Alliance for Shelter, and other non-profits asking for job descriptions. She presented copies of the job description she has prepared.

Shirley mentioned that numbers of backpacks being distributed from Strasburg has risen sharply just in the last week, to 43 backpacks. Susan said that she still does not get inventory numbers from the Strasburg location and Shirley volunteered to learn how to do this. Estimated number of backpacks totals approximately 253.

Leslie Heird’s resignation as Coordinator for Luke’s Backpack has left a large gap in our resources. There were no immediate suggestions for a replacement. The possibility of moving the southern county packing site was discussed, with Mt. Zion New Market being a possibility.

Pr. Jeff suggested that the SVLM Board could continue to function without a president and that the main programs, FCN and LB could continue to function. We would remain loosely organized and Cathy would see to it that information is sent to other board members.

Pr. May suggested goals for December meeting: description for Exec Dir; budget; info about volunteer staff, Luke’s Backpack (get from Leslie)—Cathy will get names for southern campus and Pr. May will talk to volunteers there about how the situation is going, Tiffany Dellinger is the contact. We need to know what Leslie did in order to find another person to be coordinator. Cathy will forward Leslie’s letter of resignation to the rest of the board.

Frank, Shirley and Pr. May will work on the job description, Cathy, Frank and Susan will work on the budget. Pr. May suggested that we might get better support from the Central Valley Conference if we asked them to appoint a few pastors to serve as advisors. Allowing them to vote would involve changing our by-laws, which is possible without a change in our articles of incorporation.

Jeanne presented her report for October; Susan will post this on the website. There will be a fundraiser 12/17: volunteers will wrap for $2.00/package. Physical location will be St. Paul’s in Strasburg, 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. At our December meeting we will need to renew the FCN’s contract. At this time we should perhaps determine whether the FCN should report to the still-to-be-hired Exec Director.

Next meeting will be Tuesday 12/15 at Mt. Zion.