

Lancaster/Northumberland Interfaith Service Council

September 8, 2011 Meeting Minutes

President Jeannie Kling called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Edna Mason gave the invocation. President Kling introduced Gail Cameron from Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church who spoke briefly about the Barbecue Fund Raiser they are doing for Interfaith on September 24 from 5-8 PM. They hope to sell 500 tickets. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 4-10, and children 3 and under are free. They could use 6-8 volunteers to help serve. Kathy Broderick thanked Campbell for delivering meals in September.

The minutes of the July and August meetings were accepted as written.

The treasurer Chris Naumann reported revenues of \$4,531.95 and expenses of \$7,762.26 during August. To date expenses have exceeded revenue by \$47,582.99. The report was accepted.

President Kling gave report on the Latch Key Summer Food Program. It was a challenge, but she felt it was successful. The program operated for 10 weeks. Volunteers prepared the bags on Fridays and food was distributed on Saturday each week. Forty-six children participated at cost of \$4.85/child. Total cost was \$2229.59. The complete report is attached. President Kling asked for permission to donate left over food to Melrose United Methodist Church for their backpack program for Northumberland County.

Lynn Chapman-Adler, the ISC Representative for Society of Friends, gave a report on her effort to contact area churches to raise awareness of Interfaith. Her plan is to make initial contact by phone and then follow up with distribution of ISC Mission Statement. To date she has made 5 contacts. She plans to devote 2 hours /week to this project. The complete report is attached.

Audit: President Kling tentatively set Thursday September 29 at 2:00 pm for first meeting with alternate date of Tuesday September 27th. President Kling, Chris Naumann, and Willie Woods will meet with Jim Thompson who has agreed to do the audit. Judy Fay and Christy Smith will also be asked to attend.

Warehouse: Yvonne Williams reported that pick up service has increased and so donations are increasing. The committee (Yvonne Williams, Jane Woodle, and Tony Stanley) to consider changes to warehouse system has not met. Tony Stanley mentioned several ideas: have a second store with items for sale to anyone, require people to volunteer in community to earn points for purchase of items needed. Questions raised were: will people continue to donate if we start selling and is this in conflict with our Mission statement? It was suggested the committee check out the Middlesex Program.

Discussion followed regarding Interfaith sending a letter of support for LINK the new clearing house project. Members asked what would happen to any surplus funds LINK might have, will we be in competition with LINK, and would we be different under LINK? Members decided that we need more information before drafting an endorsement; right now it is just a concept. Need to ask more questions at next LINK meeting. President Kling will work on draft to be discussed at October Interfaith meeting.

School Supplies: Kori Poplin from RWC collected 75 backpacks which Jeannie has delivered. High school counselors have voiced a need for backpacks and flash drives. With present financial situation it was suggested we need to concentrate on a few projects and do them well. Joe Curry stated that if we come up with a number he might be able to get someone to donate funds.

Meals on Wheels: Kathy Broderick reported that Irvington Baptist and Irvington United Methodist delivered 890 meals in June. St. Andrews and Church of the Nazarene delivered 505 in July. Kilmarnock Baptist delivered 551 in August. Kathy added that the new office at Tartan Village Community Center is working out well. Chris Naumann reported that Upper Lancaster continues to do about 400 meals per month.

Joe Curry reported that David Lacy's volunteers will paint one house and repair 2 roofs. Materials may be \$2500. They are doing other small jobs but will cost county not Interfaith.

Interfaith Volunteer Appreciation event normally held in September was postponed for a month.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Edna Mason, Secretary