

Outreach Team Meeting

November 7, 2024

Members present: Stanley Misiak, Edie Misiak, Jose Lopez, and Pastor Keith

Pastor Keith opened the meeting at 7:03 PM with prayer.

Pastor reported to the group that Frank and Rebecca Falzone have dropped out of the Outreach Team to devote what time and energy they have to doing outreach for the church instead of planning church social events. It was the consensus of the group that we as a church will support them with whatever they need to do outreach so that it will not be a financial outlay for them. Pastor also reported that he will be updating the church's brochure once we settle on service starting times. The church brochure will be for the church family to invite others to our church.

It was decided that we need to change the name of our group from the "**Outreach Team**" to the "**Planning Committee**" as it more accurately reflects the purpose of this group. While we do plan events that reach out to those outside of our church family, the majority of events planned are for our church family.

In regards to **Pastor Appreciation Sunday**, Pastor reported that Vincent Kovlak will be speaking in the morning. Eadie informed the group that they will be getting the hoagies this year from Roma Pizza-- and that he gave them to us at a good price. Pastor will take care of planning the beginning of the service and will lead until Rev. Kovlak speaks.

We discussed the **Movie Night** that was planned for Friday, November 22. Due to a conflict with IBSDG, it will need to be canceled and rescheduled. Pastor will talk to Frank and Rebecca about a future date.

We discussed **Thanksgiving gift cards** for needy people in our church family and community. Pastor will ask the congregation of possible recipients. But the decision to buy gift cards will be taken up at this month's Elder-Deacon meeting.

Decorating the Church for Christmas will be on Saturday, December 7 at 9 AM. We will **un-decorate the church** on Saturday, January 4, 2025. Pastor will relay this information to Pastor Mike to announce in his church services.

Our **semi-annual Congregational Meeting** will be on Sunday, December 8 after the Morning Worship service.

The **Christmas Cookie and Ornament Exchange** will take place on Sunday, December 15 after the Morning Worship service.

Our **Family Christmas Service** will be on Sunday, December 22 during our Morning Worship hour.

Our **Chili Cookoff** is planned for Sunday, January 12, 2025 after the Morning Worship service. Tom Huckel will be speaking that morning.

Our **Friendship Banquet** is tentatively set for Saturday, February 8, 2025. Pastor will ask Dawn Bucciero and Sarah Fallon if that date works for them.

The **Children's Easter Outreach and Easter Egg Hunt** is scheduled for Saturday, April 12, 2025 at 10 AM.

We discussed the possibility of including more months of events on the monthly bulletin so that people can plan ahead. Pastor said that he could print additional months on the back.

Our next meeting of the Planning Committee will be on Thursday, December 5 on ZOOM