

Outreach Team Meeting

November 9, 2023

Members present: Stanley Misiak, Frank Falzone, Rebecca Falzone, Jose Lopez, and Pastor Keith.

Pastor Keith called the meeting to order at 6:39 PM by opening in prayer. He then proceeded to read the minutes from the October 12, 2023 meeting.

We started the meeting by evaluating the recent **Pastor Appreciation Sunday**. Everything was great! Cary did an excellent job of preaching in the morning. One comment was made regarding the hoagies and that perhaps next year we will order them from a different company other than WaWa.

We again talked about the **Thanksgiving Offering** for needy families in the church and community. Right now, we will be giving gift cards to Karen Bakley, Janice Estep, and Barbara Baggett. Depending upon the amount of money collected, we may use the excess money to help fund our Taunton Run Village Christmas Project.

We then discussed extensively the **Taunton Village Run Project**. The event will be held on Saturday, December 16 from 10 AM to 12 Noon. Frank Falzone is in charge. The church will provide grocery bags, Gospel of John, tracts, and literature regarding the church. A list of items to be included in the bags will be distributed to the congregation. Basically, canned goods, non-perishable boxed goods, and packaged goods, along with sundry items like toothpaste, brushes, combs, soap, etc. The items will be collected at the church by Sunday, December 10, and then the bags will be assembled during the week before distribution on the 16th.

(Since our meeting, Pastor put forth an alternative, and that is to distribute the bags to members of the congregation along with a list of items for the bags, and have them fill a bag or bags instead of bringing the individual items to the church. It would be like Operation Christmas Child. The members could add a personal note to their bags. We would then distribute as many bags as we receive. Also money left over from the Thanksgiving Offering could be used to buy items to fill additional bags)

Pastor reported that the **Ladies' Cookie and Ornament Exchange** will be held on Sunday, December 17 after the Morning Worship Service and it will be open to the entire congregation.

We will be **decorating the church for Christmas** on Saturday, December 2 at 9 AM.

A **White Elephant Party** is being tentatively planned for early January. We will discuss it more fully at our next Outreach Team Meeting.

Frank Falzone will be setting up a **"Need Hope? Need Prayer?" table** in front of the church on Saturday, November 11 at 2 PM as a trial run to see if people will stop by for prayer or chat. He will have literature to give out along with an invitation to our church.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 7, 2023 on ZOOM.

Stanley Misiak closed in prayer at 7:47 PM.