

Outreach Team Meeting

May 25, 2021

Members present: Stan Misiak, Edie Misiak, Jose Lopez, Dawn Bucciero, Frank Falzone, Rebecca Falzone, Pastor Keith

The meeting was called to order by Pastor Keith at 6:50 PM by opening in prayer.

This is the first post-COVID pandemic meeting. Our last meeting was on March 1, 2020. We did not read the minutes of this meeting since too much has happened since then. Pastor reported that the governor has lifted the mandate of mask wearing and social distancing, so we are now able to meet indoors with masks. Pastor will relay the information to the members and allow them to decide whether they feel comfortable going without a mask on Sundays. With the easing of the restrictions, we can now plan for events both for our church and community.

Dawn reported that she is planning on holding the first **EBCC Art Club** event in September.

We talked at length about holding a **Family Block Party** on Saturday, July 24 from 10 AM to 1 PM (Rain date would be on Sunday, July 25 from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM). The block party will include games, a cook-out with hot dogs and other foods, plus culminating with a sailboat regatta for the children. The church will buy the sailboats, assemble and paint them ahead of time. The children will only need to add decals, glue the mask and sail, and add other decorations to their boats. The children will be divided into groups according to their ages. After the regatta we will have an awards ceremony. Information about the church and upcoming programs will be distributed to the adults. Dawn Bucciero and Edie Misiak will work together to plan and coordinate our efforts. We will advertise via post cards to previous VBS attendees as well as on Facebook.

Frank brought up the idea of holding a **Movie Night** at the church, perhaps once a month or once a quarter. Pastor remarked that we left our video copyright license lapse with the pandemic, and he will check into how much it will cost to be reinstated. Dawn also expressed concerns as she plans to show Veggie Tale and 3-2-1 Penguin videos in Sunday School.

Pastor brought up the idea of hosting a community **Shredding Party with TAB Shredding**. We have a number of boxes of financial records for the church to be shredded. We would open it up to the community as another opportunity to let people know that we exist. The cost would be \$110 per hour, three hours minimum. We decided that this might be a good fall event.

Pastor brought up the idea of holding a **blood drive** at the church with the American Red Cross as another means of advertising our church in the community. Edie remarked that we were turned down before because of the steps into our fellowship hall. Frank reported that another organization has a blood mobile which they would park in our parking lot, and would not need to use our building. We will look into this as a possible future event.

Frank introduced us to **Street Lights**, a Bible study program for young adults. He would like to start a young adult, Alpha-type program in the future. Pastor is to look over the materials, and everyone will pray about this possibility.

Stanley closed the meeting in prayer at 8:15 PM.