

Full Circle Minutes
November 2nd, 2019
Polish Chic N 9:00 a.m.

Attendance: Michele Feivor, Lynn April, Sandy Lindstrom, Linda Will, Debbie Sanchez, Mary Pasch, Nancy Schwenke, Sue Suring, Renee Stieg, Kay Johnson, Cami Selissen-Sommers

Devotion: Thank you Cami Selissen-Sommers for the wonderful devotion - (December-Renee Stieg).

Caring card ministry: Renee Stieg reported 20 cards sent this month. We made over 47 cards during the meeting to be used in the caring cards ministry with more being made by other full circle members. Thank you everyone for making a difference one card at a time!!!

Sewing for Smiles: Sue Suring update - We need to find more places to send the dresses.

We will put a hold on making more dresses for now until we find places that need them. We could call our synod to see if they know of places that could use dresses.

Community Shelter Meals: Debbie update — We will plan to do the Friday January 17th evening meal. Preparing on Friday starts at 2:30 with serving at 5:00. We will also plan to make and serve the lunch on Saturday March 7th with our Full Circle meeting in between preparing and serving.

Grocery Challenge Update: Debbie update —588 groceries were collected. This resulted in 20 bags for Howard and 20 bags for Pulaski. Sandy Nordmanup dated the thermometer sign to keep track of the count and for future collections we will continue to count to see how long it actually takes to reach 5,000 items. Thank you to all who donated and helped with this. The pantries were so happy to receive these donations.

Health Fair: Update from Sue and Jennifer — The event was awesome. There were a lot of people there that we see at the tea.

Ladies Tea: Date—April 25th. We decided on a theme: **Possibili-Tea**—“All Things are Possible with God”. Bring your ideas for presentations: CASA, Days for Girls, any more?

Coats for Kids: Debbie update—We collected 42 coats, 4 hats and 3 snow pants.

Salvation Army counting money for the Kettle Campaign: Debbie will get 2 or 3 Friday nights to do a volunteer and dinner night. Debbie will send out the dates.

Giving Tree Christmas Store: Tree Is up in the donut room with a list for needs out for people to pick up. We will have all gifts dropped off at Church by December 1st and deliver them by Tuesday December 3rd. We can bag up the items and blackout the bar codes after church on Sunday December 1st. Renee and Linda will do the delivering.

Ring bells as a Full Circle Group: A new idea for a 2-3 hour spot with ringing bells and wearing Santa hats and handing out candy canes as a Full Circle group at Super Ron's. Who would like to organize this by setting up a date, time and send out an email on who would like to assist?

Kay will get a date at Super Ron's on the Salvation Army site for us and send out an email to sign people up.

Speaker for February: Pam Schuelke and Julie Aderhold, Executive Director of Ecumenical Partnership for Housing, would like to present in February on a housing project.

Future ideas: CASA looking for help filling suitcases (Michelle).

CASA might be able to use bags for children. Nancy is on the Board of CASA. She asked about the bags—they could use them. She said CASA can send/email lists of what they need. Every month they have a different things they are collecting. The list is also online.

CASA is also looking for advocates for the children. There is training for this. They are always looking for advocates for the children. “Fostering for Youth” is another part of the CASA program for youth (over 18) who don't have life skills.

Day for Girls: Lynn update—Next date is Saturday November 16th from noon to 4:00 at YMCA East. You can just walk-in to help for however long you can stay. They collect travel-size soaps, dark washcloths, Ziplock (has to be that brand) gallon-size storage bags, flannel or 100% cotton fabric.

Our next meeting will be December 7th 2019
at Julie's on Velp at 9:00 a.m.