

Ripples of Hope Outreach  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, October 27, 2020  
6:00 p.m. ZOOM Meeting

Attendees: Patty Vande Voort, Kathy Cross, Kara Vassar, Lisa Thiry, Mary Brouillard, Nancy Braatz, Bud Klister,

- Kathy Cross led the group in prayer.
- Prayer assignment for next meeting is Nancy Braatz.
- Bud Klister made a motion to approve the September 22<sup>nd</sup> minutes as written. Cathy seconded. Minutes were approved.
- Kristal Knudtson, Director of Development and Communications, from the Salvation Army visited our Zoom meeting to talk about what the Salvation Army does. Salvation Army started in 1865 when people could not pay "pew rent" to hear God's word. Also they met physical needs. In 1891 bell ringing began. Cpt. Joseph McFee was observing many homeless people in California. He collected money in a big black pot and got people's attention by banging on it. His goal was to provide dinner for 1000 people. Salvation Army dollars stay local. There are Corps all over the country. If you put a check in red kettle outside of the area, it would be sent back to your zip code. The red kettle program is November 13 - December 24. Those donations fund programs all year long. Programs include: transitional housing (apartments, scattered housing services; Arts for the Humanities; food pantries in Appleton and Neenah; food programs (lunch, they serve 150 lunches every day, last year they served 37,000 meals); coats for kids; Christmas Adopt a Family (137 families last year), Toys for Tots (12,000 toys last year), food baskets; Celebrate Recovery; and EDS emergency services. Their greatest need right now is for the food program.
- Kathy Cross made a motion to donate \$900 to The Salvation Army. Nancy Braatz seconded. Motion carried.
- Patty will ask Fr. Carl to present Kristal Knudtson with a check, Lisa will look into ordering a "big check."
- Kathy Cross reported that Covid is not great in Neopit so deliveries and donations there are being held until the numbers are better.
- Harvest Tree Update: \$135 came in from the Virtual Harvest Tree.
- Patty presented the financial update.
- Thanksgiving. This year we will be giving \$820 to 22 families. This money will come out of the Harvest Tree. \$400 Festival and \$400 Roundy's. A motion was made by Lisa to take the Harvest Tree fund down by \$800. Mary seconded. Motion carried.
- Connections article is due November 10<sup>th</sup>. Kathy Cross will take care of this.
- Ideas for group presentations: Leaven, Vida, NAMI, Katalpa, and St. Elizabeth Ministries
- After prayer, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted,  
Lisa Thiry  
October 27, 2020

Meeting Dates - 2020  
Tuesday, November 17, 2020  
Tuesday, December 15, 2020