



# Plymouth

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

## BOARD OF OUTREACH

### Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Attendance:

Yes	No		Yes	No	
■		Beth Comeaux (2018), <i>Chair</i>		■	Sue Moses (2020)
■		Sally Cassellius (2019)	■		Paula Northwood, <i>Staff Liaison</i>
	■	Birdie Cunningham (2019)		■	Jared Swanson (2019)
	■	Peter Eichten (2020)		■	Peter Vitale (2020)
■		Loretta Menke (2018)	■		Gingie Ward (2018)

**GUESTS:** There were no guests in attendance.

### ***Actions Taken:***

Item 1. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

### ***Agenda Items***

Staff Updates:

- Paula shared that Allison is working on a brochure with contact information for all of the working groups and committees under Plymouth’s boards.
- Paula confirmed that she is the clergy representative from Plymouth for the Downtown Congregations to End Homelessness.
- Seth Patterson is staff representative for Spiritual Formation.

Leadership Council Update: Results of the CAT survey will be provided at a meeting Thursday night, January 11<sup>th</sup>, at Plymouth. The Leadership Council, Deacons, and Transition Planning Task Force will all be in attendance. The Leadership Council is also furthering development of a Church Growth Task Force.

Beacon Interfaith Housing: We have been meeting with Beacon Interfaith regarding the changes in strategic vision for their organization as well as the renovations that will occur to Lydia apartments. They want a more collaborative approach with area churches through the identification of parishioners that will facilitate talking groups to better inform other church members. In addition, 20 new apartments will be added and the parking lot decreased.

Community Fund Update:

- Community Fund reports \$44,000 raised from the Christmas offering to go to three identified organizations. And additional funds that come in now will be carried over to the Easter offering.
- Two guests joined their last meeting to provide organizational updates: 1) MN Interfaith Power & Light wanted to better know the members of the Fund and were reaching out to talk about climate change. This organization has been a resource to Plymouth regarding solar, etc. 2) John Cole, Development Director for the Dignity Center attended, as a resource to many people who come to Plymouth for assistance. Their goal is to help people achieve stability with housing and the means to support it. They are only open three days a week (MWF) and work with DCEH and Street Song.

## Other

- Oromo Community: Kathleen Seestadt will be joining us for our February meeting to share with us news of the Oromo Community.
- Groveland Food Shelf Tour is slated for March 14. We will meet at 6pm in Guild Hall so that we can all go together. E.J. Kelley will meet us there.
- Board of Outreach Potluck is set for March 4, 6-8:00pm. Gingie Ward is going to ask Street Song as our musical guests and Beth C. will ask John Cole, Director of Development for Dignity Center, to speak.
- February meeting has been moved to February 21 through group consensus.
- There will be a Super Bowl event at Westminster with representation from other clergy (including Paula Northwood) and participation from Street Song. This is being organized to bring attention to the homeless as well as a fundraiser. Volunteers may be needed to help put together "dignity bags." Children/young people could be volunteers as well.

Chair Elect: We are awaiting word from a current member of the Board of Outreach as to interest.

### **Next Meeting**

February 21, 2018

6:30-8:00pm , Room 203

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*Respectfully submitted,*

*Beth Comeaux on behalf of Peter Vitale, secretary*