

Witness Commission: February 6, 2023
7:30 PM (via Zoom)

Present: Jim Hollinger, Naomi Kraenbring, Sandy Flanagan, Karen Ungemach, and Sandy Brubaker.

1.. We are planning on having another chicken barbeque on April 29, led by Sandy Brubaker, benefitting Haiti and Nigerian organizations. We would like to provide \$1500 toward the food purchased.

2. We are allowed to appoint a commission member for one year. Sandy B will call Barb Sweigert to see if she might be interested.

3. Damon Wagner Fields talked with Karen about Earth Day, April 22 on the Etown Fair Grounds. She asked them to be the organizers and man the booth. He wondered if we joined the Pa Interfaith Power and Light organization. Jim says it was approved to be paid last year.

4. O&M Funds- We discussed how much money was available to be used this year, and discussed some anticipated expenditures.

5.. Service Sunday: February 19

Rachel wanted several different choices for service.

- a. SERRV and Equal Exchange tables with items for purchase
- b. Writing Letters to prisoners through the Death Row Support Project / Karen contacted them and has about 50 names from Oklahoma and Indiana Death Row. I have stamps, cards, everything needed.
- c. Writing cards/drawing pictures (kids) for residents of Londonderry Village/Brethren Village. Karen can get this ready as well. Paper, crayons, stickers to decorate?
- d. Picking up trash around the church/ Rachel will be leading this/ Some trash bags.
- e. Packing "to go" bags for ESHOS. Karen will get the items ready to be assembled that day. Water bottles, paperbags, food items/\$500 to help fund it?
- f. Display from the Immigrant Committee to collect donations for work done at the border. Sandy is organizing this.
- g. Meal, Lisa Hitz has been contacted to make a meal/ \$1000 to fund it?, donations accepted to cover costs, rest of money split between Death Row Project/Immigration Project?

6. Elizabethtown Communities that Care: Should we pursue this? Anyone want to follow up with it? We will discuss this more next month.

7. Weekend of Oct 15, Rebecca Dali is coming to the area and Sandy Brubaker called me about having a Nigerian meal for the afternoon. She is at a different church in the morning. We thought that we could have people sign up if they are interested in coming, so that we know how

many to plan for. Sign up genius could be used to have people contribute a Nigerian Ground Stew, salad, bread, and dessert.

8. Nurture would like some commission members to help plan John Pavlovitz retreat. Don't know a date, can set up meetings by Zoom. Karen will contact Gina to find out more details and tell her we are interested in working with Nurture on this. Jim Hollinger volunteered to work with Nurture on this.

Submitted by Karen Ungemach, Chair.