

OUTREACH BOARD MINUTES

SEPT. 30, 2026

Present: Liz Halbert, Shirley Desnoyers, Margaret Melando, Sally Learned, Bill Faherty, Maryann Darzano, Judie Ratcliffe.

Meeting opened with a prayer.

Minutes from the July 29, 2026 meeting were approved.

Financial Report was reviewed. The report indicates there is \$5832.59 available to “Spend Immediately.” As well as \$6116.38 in the Investment Account which Liz was told is in a CD that hasn’t yet matured. It was moved, seconded and passed that Liz send a request to the treasurer, wardens and Fr. Lin to release the \$5000 immediately that was approved in March for Brunswick Partnership for Housing and submit a total budget of \$11,000 for 2026.

Ministry Reports -

SOIICF – Margaret reported that food donations from local stores have declined. The Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, October 18 starting at Franklin Square Park. Proceeds are distributed as follows – 50% Human Needs, 25% Food Pantry and 25% International Hunger program. They are also sponsoring a fundraiser event “Tavern Time for Turkeys” at Cape Side Brewing on October 15 from 5-8pm. They will donate \$1 for every beer served.

Diaper Ministry – Maryann reported that she is set for volunteers. It continues to be busy. She may refer families to Evan Peterson to be considered as recipients of Angel Tree gifts.

Brunswick Partnership for Housing – Sally reported that Sleep Out Brunswick will take place on October 16 at Brunswick Community College. They will also be the beneficiary of a high-end Wine Pairing at the Reserve Club on October 20. The plans are progressing on the new workforce housing buildings – they are just awaiting the final pricing from Hagood Homes before they start the fundraising.

Lil Bit of Help – Shirley reported they have funded uniforms and supplies for the Orange Walk school band in Belize. Participation in the school bands has become very popular with the students – also keeps them out of gangs. Maryann said that Fr. Eric left all his personal vestments and wondered if the diocese in Belize could use them. Shirley will ask Ricky Evans of the status.

ECW – Judie reported they are getting ready for the Fall Festival on Saturday Oct. 3. They also hosted Sheila Roberts from New Hope Clinic at one of their recent lunches. They approved a grant request from them for \$3560 for equipment. They did not approve the grant request from Tree Peace OKI, Inc.

Chapel Docent – Liz conveyed a report from Deb Alt that the Chapel will be open on Dec. 12 during the Southport Historical Society housewalk even though they will not be an official stop on the tour. They will have free refreshments and crafts from the Fall Festival for sale.

Men on a Mission – Bill reported that the funds from Chicken for a Cause will be distributed as follows - \$2400 to the Food Pantry and \$2000 to Angel Tree – of that money, \$1000 will be used for shopping for gifts and \$1000 will currently remain in the account. The group is considering providing the lunch at Day4Hope in 2027 since San Felipe will not be donating the meals next year.

NC VIPS – no report. Tutoring started this week.

New Business –

A grant request and financial report was received from Brunswick Bands for funding for their Music Student Assistance Program. Amount requested was \$2300. The board voted to approve this request pending access to available funds. Liz will contact them to tell of the delay.

There was a discussion regarding the 2027 Budget. It is unclear the status of the Outreach Endowment. It is currently in the hands of the Chancellor of the Diocese and a local attorney to review the Policies and Procedures of the Outreach Board and the structure and management of the Endowment. No monies will be available in 2026 as far as we understand things. It is also unclear whether we need a budget for the endowment funds or just the annual budgeted funds for 2027. Liz is going to submit a budget and let them respond.

No meeting is scheduled for October.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.