

Maury River Mission Community

Minutes of Meeting, November 9, 2008

Members Present: Betty Dax (Interim at New Providence), Janet Scott (Collierstown), Skip Hastings (Pastor, Collierstown), Doug Sensabaugh (Shenandoah Presbytery Communicator), Bonny Wilson (Mission Community, Treasurer, Fairfield), Rob Sherrard (Mission Community Secretary, Pastor, Windy Cove), Martin Stokes (Pastor, New Monmouth), Horace Douty (Interim at Oxford), Malcolm Brownlee (Retired Pastor), Lisa Hedrick (Resource Coordinator), Olivia Patton (Director of Christian Education, Lexington), John Haney (Pastor, Parlor of the Pastures), Punker Robertson (Supply at Williamsville and Westminster), Wistie Jobe (Bethesda)

1. Convener, Betty Dax, opened the meeting with prayer at 2:35 p.m. Those present introduced themselves to each other. The agenda prepared by the Convener was approved as the working document for the afternoon. Bonny Wilson presented the Treasurer's Report. Bonny noted that \$1,150 remained of the \$6,000 available for the year. After discussion the Mission Community voted to distribute the remaining money between four area Food Pantry programs: King's Way and Rockbridge Area in the Lexington vicinity, Craigsville, and Windy Cove.
2. The Mission Community reaffirmed its commitment to the Living Waters program through Shenandoah Presbytery. Betty, Bonny, and Doug Sensabaugh agreed to work together to clarify which Presbytery account held the money which had been sent from the Community and Community churches for the next Living Waters Project in Guatemala. Additionally, the Mission Community appointed Malcolm Brownlee as its representative to the Living Waters Guatemala Team. Malcolm will be part of the planning team and then will search for 3 to 4 more folks from the Mission Community to join the team for the second phase of the Project. First trip will be in December 2008 and the second trip will be in the Spring of 2009
3. The Mission Community considered the idea of a part-time coordinator for the Community. The Community referred the matter to a task force that had been previously appointed. The task force was instructed to work on two issues: (1) refining the job description of the coordinator and (2) applying for extra funds from the challenge grant for mission communities. The task force will report at the next meeting of the Mission Community.
4. The Mission Community broke up into focus groups in the areas of worship, mission, and nurture to begin planning ministry for 2009. These small groups met for about 20 minutes. Members of the small groups agreed to meet prior to the next Mission Community in order to present some definite plans for ministry in January.
5. The Community scheduled the **next regular meeting for January 11 at Fairfield** at 2:30 p.m.
6. The Community adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Sherrard