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**Subject:** MISSION AND OUTREACH MINUTES OF 11/4

Mission and Outreach Committee  
 Minutes of November 4, 2008 Meeting

Present: Rev. Bill Meyer, Michael Barrett, Alane O'Connor and Kevin Wellenius

Meeting began at 6:30 pm with a prayer offered by Alane O'Connor.

### Item 1: November workday

Both Shelly Fitzgerald and Frank Sterner have had hardwood trees cut down and wish to donate them to the firewood heating assistance program. Plan to have a workday on Saturday, November 22 to cut, split and store the wood at our Belgrade shed.

### Item 2: United Way firewood grant update

Michael Barrett suggested taking a picture of the wood in our storage shed and submit to United Way of Mid-Maine as our mid-way progress update and to release the second half of our \$500 grant. Alane O'Connor expressed encouragement that we purchase additional firewood with the grant money as soon as possible.

Update: On November 7, we agreed to purchase 3.5 cord of seasoned split firewood from J&M Logging in Augusta. J&M will keep the wood on their premises throughout this winter, during which we can access it for heating assistance or remove any unused balance at the end of the season.

Follow-up: Kevin to contact United Way of Mid-Mained with status report and requesting release of remaining \$500 of grant money.

### Item 3: New United Way grant for home winterization

Kevin Wellenius reported that Union Church has received a \$1,000 grant from United Way of Mid-Maine to provide winterization materials. Bill Meyer suggested we not pre-purchase anticipated materials due to the variable needs of different projects. Instead, Bill will draw up a list of parishioners able to make a winterization inventory for each site, with materials to be purchased and delivered thereafter.

Follow-up: Kevin to contact Belgrade town manager, Belgrade Region Health Center, Pat Pow, KVCAP (Dave Gilbert), and Rome Grange to raise awareness about availability of these funds. Bill Meyer to contact Bill Pulsifer (Belgrade Lakes FD) and Bill McKeoghney (HealthReach social worker). All interested persons should contact Bill Meyer.

### Item 4: Committee Budget Update

Kevin reported that, to date, the Committee has used up \$3,884.35 of its \$9,000.00 annual budget. \$500 of the total represents a commitment of support for Jim Webster's mission trip to Haiti in January, for which he has signed up and committed. There was discussion of using the remaining budget of up to \$5,115.65 for (a) Preachers' Aid; (b) Good Samaritan Fund; (c) Belgrade-Rome Special Needs Food Pantry; (d) Society of Saint Andrew; (e) Good Shepherd Food Bank; (f) Belgrade fuel assistance funds; and (g) United Way of Mid-Maine's fuel assistance efforts. No decision on use of the remaining funds was made.

Update: Bill Meyer suggested we consider a donation to the Belgrade Public Library in return for a number of library passes that we would make available to Rome area residents.

Follow-up: continue to consider uses of remaining budget, to be determined in next meetings.

Item 5: Miscellaneous

- Union Church received a letter of thanks from Kaitlyn Johnson, a Gardiner high school student going on a mission trip to Zimbabwe that we supported with \$500.
- Jim Webster has offered a mattress and box spring in response to a request via Bill Meyer. Bill will coordinate with Jim to arrange delivery to Vassalboro. Michael Barrett offered use of a trailer.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:15pm with a prayer offered by Bill Meyer. Special prayers were offered for Bobbie.

NOTE: NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY DECEMBER 2, 2008 AT 6:30 PM.

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