

Malachi's Storehouse Board Meeting Notes

11/7/11

Present: Mary-Louise Wilson, Kathy Malcolm Hall, Irma Bajasas, Sharon Saylor, Robin Neal, Jeff Dykes, Bonnie Dykes, Tina Wood

Christmas: Toy distribution will be on a separate day (to be determined). Toys from For the Kid are expected on December 10; Mary-Louise will check into other sources of toys for families that do not sign up. Robin reported that the Stingray All Stars, her daughter's former cheerleading gym, will once again be donating toys to Malachi's. We anticipate being able to provide toys for 350 children. People will be invited to register ahead of time; we will begin taking names on November 19 and continue on the 30th. Signs in English and Spanish will be displayed on Wednesdays. Clients will be given tickets with numbers, so there will not be a need to arrive early.

There was some discussion of Kingswood's Christmas event. They have a party for children including crafts and gifts; lunch is served and provided by an area hotel and 120 volunteers help with activities and toy distribution. We decided that we prefer to empower the parents by providing the opportunity for them to choose gifts for their own children.

Jeff and Sharon discussed obtaining and distributing boxes for toy collection. It was suggested that Sunday school classes be asked to wrap the collection boxes.

Provisioning: Jan Schuyler and Patti Ormsby will not be doing provisioning after the first of the year. Provisioning involves ordering from the Food Bank and setting the delivery date, putting together the packing list indicating what will be distributed each week, loading shelves, and supervising Aldi's pickups. Patti and Jan have done a magnificent job with this critical aspect of our ministry; we are extremely grateful for their faithfulness, enthusiasm, and good humor in organizing, facilitating, and making this happen seamlessly!

Parishoners have volunteered for some of the tasks required for provisioning. Linda Carden will be doing the reporting, and the Food Bank deliveries will be unloaded (every 3 weeks) by Aaron Higley, Darryl Moores, Ramsay Hall, David Christopher, and a Malchi's client and volunteer, Jesus. There will be a need for additional volunteers to handle other aspects of provisioning.

Ministry Fair: It is expected that St. Patrick's Ministry Fair will coincide with the Bishop's visit, which is planned for a Sunday in January or February. Sharon suggested that Malachi's participate in the Diocesan Ministry Fair which usually occurs in the spring. She also introduced the idea of a "mini Health Fair" for Malachi's clients.

Web Page: As a member of the Communications Committee, as well as Malachi's Board, Sharon has been working on the web page and links from the church website. She is evaluating the feasibility of streaming the wonderful video done by Patty on the St. Patrick's web site.

Secretary: Tina has agreed to serve as Secretary, taking notes at Board Meetings, as well as sending thank you notes for donations to Malachi's.

Money and Fundraising: Jeff, Sonya, and Sharon are working on grant applications as well as exploring the availability of corporate donors.

Dates for Retreat: A retreat for the Malachi's board is being planned for a weekend in either January or February.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Wood