

## **Chippewa Falls Mission Coalition Minutes – May 8, 2023 (Monday)**

**PLACE:** English Lutheran Church of Bateman, 20588 County Hwy X, Chippewa Falls

**TIME:** 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

\* Introductions and Prayer Requests

\* Opened Meeting With Prayer

\* **GUEST SPEAKERS:** Matthew White [mattjohnwhite@gmail.com](mailto:mattjohnwhite@gmail.com)

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**SUBJECT: “Give Chippewa County” Fund UPDATE – Making a Difference in Your Community starts with YOU!**

Chippewa County is a generous community and we want to see this generosity continue into the future through the “Give Chippewa County” Fund, which is managed through the Community Foundation of Chippewa County. It was formed in 2021 and already has more than 60 community members involved.

This is great opportunity for each of us to take an active role in the support of the good being done in our community. It’s a way for us to live out the phrase we use ... *“Loving God, Loving People, Making a Difference in His Name!”*

“Give Chippewa County” has already distributed \$9,473 in grants to the following non-profits ... Hope Village/Tiny Houses ... Sleep In Heavenly Peace ... Bloomer Food Pantry ... Cadott Library “Basic Needs Closet” ... Lake Holcombe School District “Greenhouse Project” growing and providing food for the school and those in need in the surrounding community ... and Cadott’s “Come Now and Eat Backpack Buddies” that provides weekend meals for students in the Cadott School District.

New members (individuals) can begin with a \$250 annual gift, which can also be paid monthly. “Give Chippewa County” provides opportunities for members to see the varied ways organizations are serving people in this county, and be actively involved in the selection of fund recipients, which hopefully inspires a sense of hope and a sense of purpose in the giving.

*Bear one another’s burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ (Gal 6:2). They only asked us to remember the poor—the very thing I had been eager to do all along (Gal 2:10).*

**If you believe in this mission and would like to be involved and/or promote it to your congregation and/or non-profit, please contact Matthew White [mattjohnwhite@gmail.com](mailto:mattjohnwhite@gmail.com) or Mary Jacobson [maryjacobsoncf@gmail.com](mailto:maryjacobsoncf@gmail.com) They have a prepared message that you can include in your newsletter and/or bulletin.**

For more information go to the Community Foundation of Chippewa County website ... [www.yourlegacyforever.org](http://www.yourlegacyforever.org) You then can click on "FUNDS" ... then click on "Recently Established Funds" ... then scroll down to "Give Chippewa County Giving Circle."

**Again, this is an opportunity for each of us to not "Just Go To Church," but actually to "Be The Church!"**

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**\* Mission Reminder: "Lather With Love" Soap Mission** started May 1<sup>st</sup>. We are gathering soaps for the local food pantries. **Drop off at Central Lutheran Church on or before Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**. Donations will be sorted May 30<sup>th</sup>. Pantries will pick up May 31<sup>st</sup>. Questions, contact Tom Drehmel ... [tdrehmel@me.com](mailto:tdrehmel@me.com) ... 715-723-5626 (land line) ... 715-309-8705 (cell).

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**\* Mission Update: Hope Village.** Recently moved houses #9 and #10 to the Village site. (Max. Capacity) As of May 20<sup>th</sup>, 9 of the 10 houses were occupied. We are currently housing 11 adults and 13 children. The Jayna Kelley House (located at Chippewa Valley Bible Church) was recently completed.

Hope Village has secured funds for bike racks and a few bikes; still seeking bike donations (bikes in good condition).

With the number of children on site we are hoping to secure funding for park grade playground equipment soon.

Capital Campaign continues to inch closer to our goal. (Mike Cohoon will have a full report next month.)

Volunteers needed for staffing the Community Center and to help with tasks that need attention. Register, then pick your hour(s): One and two hour shifts available. Contact Mike Cohoon for sign-up info ... [director@hopevillagechippewafalls.org](mailto:director@hopevillagechippewafalls.org)

As far as items needed, it seems that paper towels are our current need.

Hope Village is looking for volunteers to mow the Hope Village lawn this summer. Two-hour time slots, riding lawn mower and push mower available. Contact Theresa Meinen [meinenta@gmail.com](mailto:meinenta@gmail.com) ... 715-579-8729

We'd love a chance to present Hope Village to churches and other organizations. Again, contact Mike Cohoon ... [director@hopevillagechippewafalls.org](mailto:director@hopevillagechippewafalls.org)

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**Mission Update: "Lighten Your Load" Family Laundry Mission.** Sign-up Genius seems to be working to get volunteers signed up and scheduled, and to send reminders. Several donations have been made to LYL from churches, community organizations, and individuals. Thanks to those who have made generous contributions. **Next volunteer sign-up will be in June.** For more info contact Gayle Klitzke ... [gayleklitzke@hotmail.com](mailto:gayleklitzke@hotmail.com) ... 715-723-5053.

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**\* Mission Update: CFMC Website.** Mark Birrittella has started preliminary work on the CFMC website. Has your church/non-profit responded to allow your logo/photo on the CFMC website? Exterior photos needed (.jpg .png Format?) of each church would be really nice. Landscape/horizontal images preferred and do much better (than portrait/vertical images).

If you haven't already done so, please arrange to send one photo of your church for use on the website and give permission for use. Send to: Mark Birrittella ... [msbirr@yahoo.com](mailto:msbirr@yahoo.com) Thank You!

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**CFMC Logo Update.** A logo design incorporating images and our Bible verse "With God's Help We Will Do Mighty Things." is in development. We are working with the students and instructors at Chippewa Valley Technical College to create this logo. Stay Tuned!

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**\* Other Business/Announcements:**

**What mission projects/community events are happening at your church/non-profit?**

-- **Soles 4 Souls** --Hopefully, we'll do this mission in **Autumn 2023**. Shirley and Ken Froelich from Zion United Methodist are working out the details and will send more info in months to come.

-- **L.E. Phillip CDC Outreach** in Chippewa Falls is expanding storage. Shoes in good condition are needed and will be accepted there. Other Clothing/Household items being accepted. Contact Jenn Barrett ... [barrettj@lecdc.org](mailto:barrettj@lecdc.org) ... 715-861-5002.

-- **Valley Vineyard** Tuesday/Thursday pantries did well giving out winter clothing.  
NOTE: Garage/Thrift sale goes, **please pick up reasonably priced XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL winter adult coats** (reimbursement may be possible). Other sizes not needed at this time.

-- **CFMC Visioning Meeting to discuss direction of the CFMC going into the future ... JULY?? We are still working out time/place of this meeting.**

-- Chippewa Falls Elk Ladies made donations to LYL and Hope Village as well as several other local missions. **THANK YOU LADIES!**

-- Roger Elliot and St. Joe's Community Garden received \$500 prize from Chippewa Valley Growers. Entry was submitted through the CFMC.

-- **\*\*\* HELP WANTED – someone to take notes at our CFMC meetings beginning June 5<sup>th</sup> (Renee Wurzer 715-933-0083 is relocating so will no longer be attending our meetings) \*\*\***

**((Tom Note: THANK YOU RENEE – YOU WILL BE MISSED! God Be With You as your Faith Journey continues in Minnesota.))**

\* **Next Meeting, June 5, 2023 – Valley Vineyard, 910 Bridgewater Ave., Chippewa Falls WI**

\* Closed with Lord's Prayer/Our Father.

Respectfully submitted,  
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5/10/2023

**CFMC Mission Statement: “Faithful people joining hearts and hands to be God’s Love in action for our neighbors near and far.”**

**CFMC Bible Verse: Psalm 60:12 – “With God’s Help We Will Do Mighty Things.”**