

Chippewa Falls Mission Coalition Minutes – Dec. 4, 2023 (Monday)

CFMC BRAINSTORMING/VISIONING MEETING – Plus Mission Updates

PLACE: First Presbyterian Church, 130 W. Central St., Chippewa Falls

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

- * Introductions and Prayer Requests
- * Opened Meeting With Prayer

* **Mission Update: Hope Village (Ken Froelich)**

The Hope Village Capital Campaign is slowly closing in on our goal of \$2.7 million. Currently we are only \$300,000 from our goal. Bids will be sent out shortly with hopes of starting the build next summer, if all goes well. “Yay God!”

Currently 8 of the 10 Tiny Houses at Hope Village are occupied. Also, at this time there are no Tiny Houses at any of the local churches.

Currently we are requiring all Tiny House guests to attend the “Rent Smart” seminar at Hope Village. This is to better prepare them to understand the renting process as they transition to their own apartments/homes.

Also, Central Lutheran Church has donated funds to build a new Tiny House and Spectrum employees have volunteered to help with the construction. Thank You to Central and Spectrum for their generous donations of time and money. “Yay God!”

We would love a chance to present the Tiny House/Hope Village mission to your church, non-profit or other organizations. Contact Mike Cohoon and he can make it happen ... director@hopevillagechippewafalls.org ... 715-210-5405.

* **Mission Update: “Lighten Your Load” Family Laundry Mission. (Gayle Klitzke)**

The new “LYL” volunteer list for the upcoming months of January, February and March will be coming out in a few weeks. If you would like to be added to the “LYL” volunteer list, contact Gayle ... gayleklitzke@hotmail.com ... 715-723-5053.

* **Mission Update: CFMC Website. (Mark Birrittella)**

Mark continues to update our CFMC website. Check it out at ...

<https://cfmc73.wixsite.com/cf-mission-coalition>

Any questions, updates or additions, please contact Mark Birrittella ...

... msbirr@yahoo.com Thank You!

***CFMC Brainstorming/Visioning (Gayle Klitzke)**

Discussion Items Included ...

-- **JOIN OTHERS:** Should we look at taking on a new mission project, or possibly team up with a church/non-profit that is already doing a mission project. It was suggested checking with the Moose Lodge about collecting socks ... or the Lions Club's ongoing collection of glasses ... or the winter coat collections at St. Francesca and St. Joe's Hospital.

-- **AUTO CARE/REPAIR:** One significant need that was presented was providing auto care for our Tiny House/Hope Village guests. Currently at least three vehicles need some kind of mechanical work. This is actually something that is currently being discussed at Hope Village. Ken Froelich will keep us informed of ways we can help with this mission.

-- **CREATE CALENDAR OF UPCOMING 2024 MISSIONS:** It was also suggested to put together a list of returning missions that we have planned for the upcoming year ... Lather With Love ... Soles4Souls ... Valley Vineyard School Supplies/Backpack Giveaway ... Touched Twice "Love Chippewa" ... etc. We will try to get dates for the various mission projects and get that out to everyone as well.

-- **OTHER IDEAS PUT ON HOLD FOR NOW:** We discussed a few other missions such as micro-loans, transportation, mental health, etc. But it was decided to just focus on past missions, as well as possibly one or two of the new missions mentioned above. Gayle is also going to check with the Chippewa Chamber of Commerce to see if there are other community needs with which we could help. Lynn Buske from JONAH also said they may be able to be an information resource to help the CFMC connect with community needs.

-- **PROMOTE CFMC:** Other suggestions included promoting the CFMC by sending letters to churches that aren't currently in the CFMC or haven't participated in our meetings or missions for a number of months. It was suggested to put together a shortened version of who we are, what we do, what we have done, etc. Possibly include a few testimonials we have from people we have touched through Tiny Houses/Hope Village and/or Lighten Your Load.(Gayle and Tom will work on this.)

-- **CFMC YEAR-IN-REVIEW:** Tom will also be putting together the CFMC 2023 Year-In-Review. It should be ready after the first of year. It will be sent out to everyone at that time.

*** Other Business/Announcements:**

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

– **ADVENT IDEA:** First Presbyterian did a “Reverse Advent Calendar” where they listed different food items needed at their food pantry each day from December 1 thru 24. Example: Dec. 1—Box of Cereal, Dec. 2—Peanut Butter, Dec. 3—Cookies, etc.

-- **BLOOD DRIVE DEC. 18TH:** Trinity United Methodist, 201 W. Central St., is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, Dec. 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

-- **CONCERT DEC. 19TH:** Trinity United Methodist, 201 W. Central St., is hosting the Holcombe Madrigal Singers on Tuesday, Dec. 19th at 7:00 p.m. A free will offering will be taken and will be donated to local food pantries.

* **Next Meeting, Monday, Feb. 5th, 2024 -- Central Lutheran Church, 28 E. Columbia St., Chippewa Falls, WI**

NOTE: NO JANUARY MEETING!!!

* Closed with Lord’s Prayer/Our Father.

Respectfully submitted,
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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.”