

Chippewa Falls Mission Coalition MINUTES May 6, 2024 (Monday)

CFMC Website: cfmissioncoalition.org

CFMC Facebook: facebook.com/cfmissioncoalition

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

TIME: 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

* Introductions and Prayer Requests

* Mike Cohoon opened the meeting with Prayer.

* **GUEST SPEAKER:** Chris Maslonkowski, Hope Village Volunteer Coordination Team

SUBJECT: Hope Village Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are the heart of Hope Village. Without volunteers we wouldn't be able to provide the various services needed to help the homeless get back on their feet and to once again be self-sufficient and in their own apartment/home.

Some of the volunteer opportunities include ... Staffing the Hope Village Community Center for 1 to 2 hours ... Being a Mentor to our Hope Village Guests (Two Mentors/Household) ... Construction ... Building Maintenance ... Lawn Mowing ... Helping with Pop-Up Thrift Sales at Hope Village ... Fund Raising ... etc.

Hope Village currently has 171 volunteer positions filled for various needs at Hope Village. 124 of those 171 volunteers help staff the Community Center. 95% of Hope Village volunteers are in more than one volunteer category.

All Hope Village Volunteers go through a standard background check. All information is kept confidential.

If you're interested in learning more about the volunteering opportunities at Hope Village you can go directly to the website ...

www.hopevillagechippewafalls.org/volunteer/

Mission Update: Hope Village/Tiny Houses (Mike Cohoon/Jack Rokser)

“Welcome Home” Capital Fund Campaign

-- The Hope Village “Welcome Home” Capital Fund Campaign is currently within \$33,000 of our goal of \$2.7 million. Mike and the Hope Village Board are also currently working on a significant grant through the American Rescue Plan Act. Stay Tuned for more details in the coming months.

Chi Hi “Green Team” Grant for Hope Village Solar

-- Mike also noted that three girls (Kamryn, Madison and Isabella) with the Chi Hi “Green Team” recently submitted a grant application to the Energy Innovation Grant Program (EIGP) for funds to provide Solar Power Units for Hope Village.

Out of 85 grant submissions throughout Wisconsin, the Chi Hi “Green Team” received the highest score and were selected to receive approximately \$180,000 for the Hope Village Solar project. Stay Tuned for more information on this project.

A Big “Thank You” goes out to Kamryn, Madison and Isabella and the Chi Hi “Green Team.” ... “Yay God!”

Hope Village “Golf Outing” Fund Raiser – July 29th

-- Jack Rokser gave an update on the upcoming Hope Village “Golf Outing” Fundraiser scheduled for Monday, July 29th at Whispering Pines Golf Course in Cadott.

It will be a Scramble/Best Ball format where a team of four all hit their shot and they then select the best shot of the four and all play their ball from that spot for their next shot ... and so on.

Cost is \$95/person, which includes golf, cart and food. Prizes will be awarded for 1st place ... 7th place ... and 14th place. It is a “shotgun” start at 10:30 a.m. Goal is to have 100 golfers.

To register you can just go to the Hope Village website and a link will pop-up for the golf outing ... www.hopevillagechippewafalls.org

Mission Update: CFMC “Lather With Love” Soap Mission (Tom Drehmel)

We collected a total of 1,265 soap/health related items for the CFMC April “Lather With Love” Soap Mission. These items were equally distributed to the following local pantries ... St. Francesca, English Lutheran of Bateman, Valley Vineyard, Chippewa Valley High School, Legacy Center and First Presbyterian.

Some additional soap items came in after our May 1st deadline, which actually brought our total up to 1,321 soap/health items. We took the additional items to the Chippewa LE Phillips CDC Outreach Office for distribution to their drop-in guests.

We had discussed possibly changing the name of “Lather With Love” for next year because of some confusion with our “Lighten Your Load” laundry mission. We had also discussed possibly moving this mission to January when more youth would be

available to join in with the gathering, sorting and distribution of the soaps. (In April a lot of the youth programs are slowing down and/or ending due to increased school activities.) Nothing decided. Discussion will continue. Ideas?

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

We offer “Lighten Your Load” four times a month on the first and third weeks of the month on Tuesday evening and Thursday afternoon.

Currently all the volunteer slots are filled for the next few months. However if you would like to see what it’s all about, just contact Gayle and she will plug you into a volunteer slot with two experienced volunteers.

If you would like to learn more about volunteering for “Lighten Your Load,” contact Gayle ... gayleklitzke@hotmail.com ... 715-723-5053.

If you would like to donate to “Lighten Your Load,” send your check to ... Pam Moran – Lighten Your Load, c/o Central Lutheran Church, 411 N. Bridge St., Suite #101, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729. Make the check to “Central Lutheran Church,” be sure to put “Lighten Your Load” in the memo line.

Mission Outreach: CFMC Volunteering at Agnes’ Table and Barnabas Table in July (Tom Drehmel)

-- Because we aren’t meeting in July, it was decided we would get a couple CFMC crews to serve a meal at Agnes’ Table and Barnabas Table. I will be contacting Agnes’ Table and Barnabas Table for available dates. When I get those dates I will send out sign-up sheets. I will also have a sign-up sheet at our June 3rd CFMC meeting.

CFMC Website/Facebook Update: (Mark Birrittella)

-- Continue to check our new CFMC website and Facebook page for up-to-date news on what’s happening with CFMC. If you have any events or comments to add, just let us know. Thanks! –

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Other Business/Announcements:

-- **JUNE 12TH** -- Christy Boulware will be making a presentation at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 12th at an Ecumenical Worship Service – 10:15 a.m. (130 W. Central St., Chippewa Falls, WI)

Christy is a motivational speaker and author of the book, “Nervous Breakthrough ... Finding Freedom from Fear and Anxiety in a World that Feeds it.”

You can learn more about Christy at her website ... www.christyboulware.com
RSVP – 715-723-5717.

-- **MAY 18TH** – Stephen Michael Magic Show at First Presbyterian Church, 130 W. Central St., Chippewa Falls, WI. – 1:00 to 3:00 pm. RSVP – 715-723-5717. Free Will Offering to help fund the First Presbyterian Food Pantry. For more info on Stephen Michael check out his Facebook page ...
www.facebook.com/njmagicianstevenmichaels/

*** Next Meeting: June 3rd at English Lutheran Church of Bateman.**
Guest Speaker: Julie Mitchell
Subject: Establishing a Parish Nurse program with other Chippewa Area Churches

* Closed with Lord's Prayer/Our Father.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Drehmel

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.”