

Men of Hosanna

The annual Men's Breakfast was held on Saturday January 28, 2017 at Luby's Cafeteria located on FM 1960. Chairman Rollie Lund reported that 27 Men of Hosanna and their guests attended. Thanks Rollie for again setting this event up.

Prior to breakfast, Pastor Bill Schwertlich gave a breakfast prayer. After breakfast, Bob McConnell handled a brief business meeting. He reviewed the 2016 activities. He informed the group that the balance in the Men of Hosanna checking account as of 12-31-16 was \$479.46. That total is made up of \$108 still remaining in the Phil Snell golf equipment sale fund; \$125 left over from the 2016 Care packages project; \$191.35 left over from the 2016 Seafarer's annual Christmas gift project and the remaining \$55.11 is in miscellaneous funds.

Phone callers for 2017 include: Neil Coles, Barbara Sorensen, Bob Dejmal, Ron Christ, Shirley Leach, Bill King, Rollie Lund, Joann Barron and Richard Dove. Thanks phone callers for calling in 2016 and agreeing to do it again for 2017. You play a vital role in keeping the Men of Hosanna membership informed about events.

Next, we discussed activities for 2017.

In January we will do the annual Men's breakfast and Rollie Lund has agreed to handle it.

In Feb on Tuesday Feb 21^s we will hold the annual B-B-Q catered dinner followed by Care box packing for the high school seniors, those in colleges/universities, those in the military and those in the Peace Corp. A poster will be posted next week in the north narthex for signups. Cost per person is \$12.00 in advance.

Gretchen Lundquist will be updating her current list of addresses for Care packages. She will be putting signup sheets in the bulletin on Sundays and advertising it in Hosanna Happenings. Watch for this document in next Sunday's bulletin and other future publications.

At breakfast, the donation plate was passed to start funding this project and a total of \$117 was collected. That is a good start. A white envelope is attached to this newsletter which is addressed to Bob McConnell. Please use this envelope to make your contribution to the Care package project. **Either give it to Bob McConnell, or mail it to him or put it in the weekly collection plate and it will get to Bob. He will make sure that the Financial Secretary, Becky Wolf is advised of your donations for your giving record to Hosanna.** Last year we packed and mailed 45 Care packages. Total cost of this program is in the \$1500-\$1600 range.

In March, Bill King suggested the men pitch in to finally get around to the project of replacing the extended fresh water line that runs under the east driveway. This line ends up above ground with a valve in the woods that has been subject to freezing during the winter. A project will be organized to clear the area of brush and trees when the valve is currently located. A licensed plumber will then replace the current old valve which is corroded shut and can't be turned on to purge the line. The new valve will be relocated in a protected valve box below ground level to protect it from freezing. Watch for future communications about this project. The men have also been asked to retrieve our extra bricks that are now in the woods East of the loop at the back of our property. These bricks are for the columns of the north and south covered walkways if we ever add them. The bricks need to be pressure washed and moved to the concrete slab in the garbage area. Dave Ritter has agreed to be project manager on this.

The Spring Fling is scheduled for Sat April 1st and Steve Bridges has again volunteered to be our Head Chef. He has asked the Men of Hosanna for help with set up, serving the brunch and cleaning

up. Watch for a poster to be posted on our sign-up board in the north narthex and please sign up to help Steve make this event a success.

The annual Good Friday golf tournament will be held on April 14, 2017 at The Village Golf (Panorama) course just north of Conroe. Kinsmen golfers will be invited to join us.

Nothing planned for May-Sep.

In October we will play the annual fall classic at a course to be determined.

In November we will hold a 30 day fundraiser for the annual Seafarer's Christmas box project. We will again be applying to Thrivent Financial for five-\$250 assistance awards.

In December we will meet to pack the Seafarer's Christmas boxes with the confirmation class, Men of Hosanna and other members of the congregation.

Bob Dejmal updated the group with a report on Habitat for Humanity building progress and plans.

After closing the business meeting, the men turned to the annual introductions section which is always a highlight.

In addition to introducing one of the breakfast attendee, the men were poled to see which team would win the Super Bowl. The vote (21 to 7) was the ALANTA FALCONS OVER THE NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS.

Cecil Streetman has notified the Men of Hosanna that he will be stepping down from the job of delivering recycle items after serving faithfully for the last 4 years. His service was noted and the group thanked him. David Galica has stepped forward and volunteered to replace Cecil and help Jim Sales with taking items to recycling.

Thanks for continuing to save aluminum and aluminum cans plus any other recyclable metals. Just place your bags of cans behind the trash dumpster. The Men of Hosanna will take the aluminum & recyclable metals to a recycling center. **Cecil Streetman and Jim Sales delivered a total of \$144.50 during 2016.** Thanks everyone for the donations.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 as the men joined hands and said the Lord's Prayer led by Bob McConnell.

Do you enjoy fun, fellowship and working on service projects for the church and community with other men? Then why not consider joining the Men of Hosanna. You don't have to be a member of Hosanna to join. Contact either Richard Dove (281-370-8287) or Bob McConnell (281-440-5432) and they will get your name added to the roster of ninety-two (92) other men who have joined. **Feel free to fill out the form on the bottom of this newsletter and return it to Bob McConnell or tack it to the bulletin board in the sign-up area in the Narthex. Please welcome Tyler Cantello as the latest to join our group. Welcome aboard Tyler.**

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