



January 2015

Newsletter

BOARD MEETING: THURSDAY JANUARY 22, 2015 AT MONTOPOLIS FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER, 403 VARGAS, AT 10 AM. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO PLAN FOR THE NEW YEAR!

The December meeting was very eventful. More than 23 officers and committee members were elected and installed by Sue Sidney with an inspirational ceremony that recalled the dedicated workers that began MFCC and the responsibility of our new leaders to continue it serving the community. Those elected for 2015 are just as dedicated and deserve much gratitude serving our 58 year old project.

These leaders are overjoyed that many money gifts have been received from UMW units, UMC churches and individuals that make it possible to extend school days for our 3 and 4 year old students from 2 days from 9-4 pm to 4 days.

The required playground fence has been installed, making our license from CPS permanent, which is framed and on the wall in the school room. The

iron fence is very attractive and the playground will be open to all.

More funds are needed to get through 2015. A monthly pledge of any amount or one time gifts would make planning much easier. Ideas for grant writing applications are needed. All funds are appreciated as we want better enrichment for the young children in the Community.

The Clothing Store is receiving great donations for cold weather and sales are brisk, thanks to volunteers helping with unpacking and hanging all items. The store will be open Saturday, February 7 and 21 from 9:00-1:00 pm. A special day for opening is Tuesday, February 10, when the Capitol Area Food truck distributes food in the parking lot to many people, often 350 clients. The store is open for sales from 8:30-11:30am and workers are always needed during that time. Billie, Vernell and Carolyn have done this many times and Emma Lea and Audrey filled in January. A big "thank you"!

The Early Childhood Development Center children enjoyed a marvelous Christmas party. There was a special gift for each child from Manchaca UMC Angel Tree Ministry wrapped beautifully. Great patterned draw strings bags came from Manchaca Craft Group, caps, gloves, socks and books came from St. John's UMW Circles, and tooth brushes and paste from Cedar Park UMW. Margie and

Walter Skinner gave a Frisbee to each child. Nadine Murphy donated lovely kits with blankets that she made. Many thanks to all that made such a joyous time.

Building needs are always present and light bulbs and toilet repairs have been done by Lupe from Ken Burger and Chuck Moore. We are looking for someone to assist Chuck on the Building and Grounds Committee. He has a full time job and not always available for emergencies. Please consider this valuable opportunity to help with mission work!

Co-chair Cindy Brandt and Vice-President Vernell Moncure have been busy promoting MFCC with their video presentation and speaking. The latest has been at North West Hills UMW and on January 31st they will give another at the District Leadership meeting of the UMW at Memorial UMC. This is a great opportunity to hear our plans for the new year. Ann Teich suggested that it would be beneficial for us to engage in community affairs and attend the Montopolis Business Leaders meeting on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

WE NEED A VOLUNTEER FOR THIS MONTHLY MEETING!

Valuable clothing donations to the store:

- Laura Hernandez Maggie Hernandez
Westlake UMC & bingo items
- Tarrytown UMC also Bingo items

- Bethany Unit Hope Circle Bingo and school supplies
- University UMC sewing supplies also
- Crestview Elaine Hettenhauser
- Cedar Park FUMC Myra McKeller and Pam Cleveland Lisa Chijas

NEEDED are PAPER TOWELS AND TOILET PAPER!
COME TO THE BOARD MEETING ON JANUARY 22!
NEXT MEETING IS FEBRUARY 26TH.

Fence picture courtesy of Vernell Moncure

