



April 2015

Newsletter



**THE LEADERSHIP MEETING OF MONTOPOLIS
FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER
WILL MEET THURSDAY APRIL 23, 2015 AT
10AM at 403 VARGAS**

*PRESIDENTS AND SOCIAL ACTION OFFICERS ARE
ESPECIALLY INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN
DECISION MAKING. THOSE THAT ARE ABLE TO DO
SO ARE ASKED TO WORK IN THE CLOTHING
STORE AFTER THE MEETING TO CHANGE*

SEASONAL CLOTHING. BRING YOUR SACK LUNCH. MANY HANDS WILL MAKE IT GO SWIFTLY.

The Leaders are so grateful to have received some funds to make it possible to plan four days of classes in the Early Childhood Development Center for September. There is a need to publicize our plans and survey the community to make sure the enrollment is sufficient. We are still asking for more funds to do this in 2016. Our school offers wonderful curriculum and enrichment for 3 and 4 year olds. Another need is to find a volunteer to work as liaison between the school and the Board; one who loves children and supports our school program. If you have a name that might be a possibility, please call Billie Talley, 512-926-3592. The news from Bingo on 2nd and 3rd Fridays is that the group of ten, last time, is having a fine time and winning many prizes. So much so that Margie Skinner is running low on items to wrap for prizes. This ministry will meet all summer and she is asking for your donations, for which she is very grateful. A special need is for prizes for men and children. Please call 512-266-2573 if items need to be picked up.

There have been some special jobs that have been done at the Center recently that need recognition and appreciation. Jack Zeiger from St. John's UMC has made and installed a purse rack in the Clothing Room. It is very attractive and gives us a "store

look". Another great event was the weeding and cleaning of the school garden by Maria Castro and Mr. Alonzo. This was done in time for the school to plant potatoes. Cindy Brandt, our Co-Chair and Vernell Moncure, Vice President, have presented their presentation about the Center to Oak Hill UMW this month. They had a nice lunch and came away with many paper goods. Two of the ladies of that group came to help in sales on Food Distribution Day. What good news! Cindy has donated 150 of her hand-painted cards that have brought in donated funds for the Center!

Billie Talley, our Co-Chair, reports that a lot of winter clothing has been sold in three days of "fill the bag". This still realized \$121 and will help with the work day coming up to exchange clothing.

Many thanks to all the volunteers that came this month to help: Memorial UMC, Crestview UMC, St. John's UMC, Oak Hill UMC, and others. **SHE WILL NEED WORKERS ON SATURDAY, MAY 2 AND SATURDAY, MAY 16 FROM 9-12 NOON, AND FOOD DAY, TUESDAY, MAY 12 FROM 9-11:30am. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THIS ESSENTIAL HELP IN THE CLOTHING STORE IN MAY!**

We are thankful that Maria Castro has been recovering well from her surgery and missed only a day or so in operating the rental scheduling, cleaning and supervising procedures. Mr. Castro

assists her in keeping it so clean and neat. They do an excellent service to the Center; many thanks! Funds from the Alternative Christmas Market have been received: \$835 was realized! Gifts of money from bazaars, communion rail offerings, garage sales and other events are always welcomed in our budget.

Director Ms. Laurel gives a happy report from the school that the Easter Day party was lovely.

Parents and friends brought eggs and candy and furnished "Happy Meals". Sandee Settquist brought a filled Easter baskets for each child from Manchaca UMC Angel Ministry. She helped hide eggs and read to the children as she has done before. The children and leaders are thankful for this outpouring of love for the children. Walter Skinner told the children about potatoes and planting, the event happened, and now they are growing. The children also planted cups in the room and are studying nature and all areas of "earth smart". Visitors are welcome on Wednesday and Friday mornings!

Ms Laurel and Ms. Lira have just finished two days attending a Continuing Education Conference for training requirements and also attended CPR classes to update their certification. Applause to them for keeping our standards high!

Muchas Gracias for clothing and other donation:

- RUTH HANSEN FROM BETHANY:

- ST. JOHN'S: clothes,
- CREST VIEW, ELAINE (TWO TIMES): baby toddler items
- PAM CLEVELAND, CPFUMC: baby clothes
- MEMORIAL: two times baby, children and toys items
- OAK HILL UMC: clothes
- SAMUEL JARAMILLO: clothes
- MARIE WEBB DECKER: bingo prizes and easter items for school

The Miles scholarship Committee will have news of two graduates in May and plans to honor them

COME APRIL 23, MAY 2, MAY 12, and MAY 16! YOU ARE NEEDED!!