May 2014 Newsletter

MFCC BOARD MEETING - THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2014 | 10 AM | 403 VARGAS | 512-385-0294 UMW UNIT PRESIDENTS AND SOCIAL ACTION CHAIRS ARE ESPECIALLY INVITED!

Cindy Brandt, our co-chair, will have on display her beautiful hand painted cards she has donated to raise funds for the Miles Scholarship recipients. THIS WILL BE OUR LAST BOARD MEETING UNTIL AUGUST 28^{TH} , BUT ALL OUR PROGRAMS WILL CONTINUE. The Early Childhood Development Center (school classes on Wed & Fri 9:00-4:00 pm) will end Friday June 27^{th} . The Clothing Sales Room will open all summer on the first and third Saturdays from 9:00-1:00 pm. Food Distribution Day will continue on the second Tuesday of the month from 8:30 am - 12:00 noon. Clothing donations and volunteer workers are needed for those days - call Billie at 512-926-3592! There will be Bingo sessions all summer on the second and third Fridays from 9:30 -11:30 am. The Scholarship Committee will meet at scheduled times and will interview applicants this summer.

From Martha Renfroe, Chair: The Miles Scholarship Committee met at Terrazas Branch Library on Saturday, May 17th to interview and select two graduating seniors as the 2014 Miles Scholarship students: Jonathan Caldwell from Travis High School and Diana Calderon from Del Valle High School. One student, Alicia Flores, will graduate from Texas A&M- Corpus Christi this May with a dual major in Communications and Criminal Justice. She sends the following message to MFCC "I would like to thank you for your help with my education. It has been a pleasure to have all of you with me every semester for the four years of college."

Margie Skinner sends her heartfelt thanks for all who donated prizes for Bingo which she gift wraps for winners. Please keep items coming for the six sessions this summer.

The Chair of the Grounds Committee, Chuck Moore, has been very busy lately mostly replacing or repairing our broken toilets in the school and Colorado Hall. He has been in a lot of pain due to a leg injury and has been unable to rest his leg, as he works full time as Facility Manager at Oak Hill UMC.

THEREFORE, WE ARE ASKING ALL OF OUR CHURCHES TO SEARCH FOR A VOLUNTEER, MAN OR WOMAN, WHO IS A HANDYMAN TYPE THAT CAN FILL IN FOR CHUCK OR BE ON CALL. THAT PERSON MAY OR MAY NOT BE A MEMBER OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE! OUR OVER 50 YEAR OLD BUILDINGS CAN DEVELP PROBLEMS OVERNIGHT. We are very grateful to Chuck for his dedication which is all volunteer!

A very good supplement to our budget is the rental of the Colorado Hall, managed by Maria Castro. She reported the Hall is rented through July. She is constantly cleaning and noticing needed repairs for safety reasons. We are looking for a Youth Group to work spreading corn gluten mixture around the buildings to stamp out stickers and other weeds in the early fall. For more information call Virginia at 512-266-2573. Stickers are painful caught in socks or long pants and cause the children to panic.

THE CLOTHING ROOM WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS ON SATURDAY JUNE 7TH AND 21ST AND ON TUESDAY, JUNE 10th from 9:00-11:30 am FOR FOOD DAY. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

Cindy and Vernell Moncure continue to make a video presentations about our programs and to show hands-on ways to volunteer. It is a wonderful dedication to the continued operation of MFCC. They will talk to the Tarrytown UMW on May 27th. All they need is an invitation to come!

Deborah Laurel and Olga Lira are happily continuing the school through June. The children are ready to harvest their garden of potatoes and tomatoes! The class has been studying bugs and insects and how weather changes affect the environment. They love discussing "creepy crawlers." Moms received a bouquet of flowers made by the children and a poem for Mother's Day. Developing skills for writing and cutting has been a challenge for all. Walter Skinner has been doing good repairs for the school all along and has put a lock on the last cabinet. Maggie Hernandez donated books to the class. Each child will plant a pot to take care of at home for the rest of the summer. The teachers thank everyone for their dedication and support for the Early Childhood Development Center.

These are highlights were taken from the newsletter to the parents.