



**MEETING : MONTOPOLIS FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY
CENTER
403 VARGAS TIME: THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2013
PLEASE COME!**

**VOLUNTEERS? VOLUNTEERS? VOLUNTEERS? WHERE ARE
YOU??**

Workers for the 2nd Tuesday of each month are especially needed. The Capital Area Food Bank comes to our MFCC parking lot and distributes food to more than 300 people. Billie Talley sees this as a marvelous opportunity to advertise our clothing room and sell items to help our budget BUT she needs two more helpers or she will have to give it up. People swarm in after getting food and other helpers are needed 9-11 AM.

Our UMW volunteers are very faithful on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays mornings on our regular open days but we could use substitutes anytime. Only a few church units or members are helping. We need more of a pool those days. Please think of being part of a food distribution on one Tuesday a month. Your heart will swell that food is available. There are more young mothers and children now than recent years.

Everyone is invited to come to the meeting Thursday to give their feelings about the future of our project. Ann Teich from our Board has been meeting with a city project manager, neighborhood and county representatives to talk about plans for a new neighborhood center which is 2 or 3 years away from completion. We want to continue serving women and children in this area with our Mothers' Day Out program, offer low-priced clothing, space for meetings of all types, scholarships for high school graduates in this area, Bingo or other plans for seniors, and screening for blood pressure and sugar levels. We are not standing still! We need workers, paper goods, scholarship funds, Bingo gifts, warm clothing items to sell, blankets, household items (pots & pans) and more money gifts. Very little money gifts have come in this summer from UMW units. A large, absolutely necessary insurance payment is needed this month and funds for scholarship grants are low after this semester.

At the August meeting, Susanah and Janie from Poder group, that used our Colorado Hall this summer with classes for middle school children, gave gifts of bath salts and soap that the young people had made to each Board member to show their appreciation for the use of our facilities. The youth are surveying the community to highlight the needs and this survey will be very valuable in planning.

The Mothers' Day Out class opened September 4 after our director, Ms. Laurel and teacher, Mrs. Lira spent 3 days in August preparing the rooms. Tracy Burger also participated. The hours are 9-4 on Wednesday and Friday, with 13 enrolled, leaving space for 2 more. They are off to a great start with eager and cooperative children and pleased parents. If a UMW unit would like to donate a special item, Ms. Laurel would love a laminating machine. She has had feedback about former students, that they are very well prepared for Pre-school after being in our class.

The Nominating Committee is working hard to recruit officers and chairs for December election. Virginia Smith is Chair and Maria Castro and Mary Nell Borges are other members. Please say yes when they call.

Emma Lea Mayton has been networking churches to cultivate more participation. She says she is "planting seeds" to help with involvement with MFCC. Vernell is working hard to link our web page with the Conference UMW page after the existing one will be no more.

Margie says she always appreciates the Bingo items donated and thanks all that remember the seniors. She will be needing more soon.

WONDERFUL DONATIONS:

- MANY PAPER TOWELS, DIXIE CUPS 5 OZ. FROM WALTER SKINNER
- A CARLOAD OF CLOTHES AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS FROM ALBERT SHELTON, MEMORIAL,
- ST. JOHN'S UMW: HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AND CLOTHING
- MONEY FROM MARGARET WOOD FOR PAPER TOWELS.

MUCHO THANK YOU!

Please send more towels as the school uses a lot. Volunteers please come Tuesday, October 8th especially and October 19th. Our October meeting is Thursday the 24th. Pray for Virginia Smith's husband, Eddie, in the hospital, and Tracy Burger, with a bad case of shingles.