



**MEETING: MONTOPOLIS FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER**

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**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2014 AT 10 AM**

ALL ARE INVITED AND ESPECIALLY THIS DAY YOU ARE ASKED TO STAY AFTER THE MEETING AND HELP WITH CLEAN-OUT SUMMER ITEMS. PLEASE BRING A SACK LUNCH. THE ARC TRUCK WILL PICK-UP ITEMS NOT NEEDED AT 2PM.

***LIGHT THE FIREWORKS!! SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!***

**A LICENSE HAS BEEN ISSUED TO US BY THE CHILDS PROTECTIVE SERVICE FOR OPERATING THE EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTER FOR MORE DAYS. IT IS A PROBATIONARY LICENSE UNTIL A FENCE CAN BE BUILT AROUND THE PLAYGROUND AND ONCE THIS IS DONE IT BECOMES PERMANENT. OUR MISSION IN MONTOPOLIS IS TO OFFER MORE ENRICHMENT AND EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN AND NOW WE HAVE A HUGE MANDATE. TRACY BURGER AND DEBORAH LAUREL HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDING INSPECTIONS, FORMULATING POLICIES FOR OUR**

SCHOOL AND COMPLETEING MANY FORMS NECESSARY. NOW A TOUGH JOB MUST BE DONE: RAISING FUNDS FOR SALARIES BY JANUARY 1ST 2015.THE LEADERSHIP IS ASKING EVERYONE TO BE AWARE OF OUR HOPES FOR EXPANSION AND GENEROUSLY OFFER FUNDS.

The bilingual school offers 2 days a week for classes from 9:00-4:00 pm at a very low tuition and will go to 4 days a week with the finalization of the fence. There is no similar program for young children in Montopolis and with enough funding to start, it will be an outstanding improvement to our ministry there.

Our two teachers have been in classes themselves, seeking credit hours necessary to teach. Their next one is CPR instruction which must be renewed. October is a fun month with a Halloween festival involving making costumes, carving pumpkins, baking the seeds for snacks and having a party. Their needs at school are toilet paper, paper towels and pump hand soap. Their cooperative parents have donated some school supplies like glue sticks.

A money gift from Hyde Park Presbyterian Church has been given to the Center because of Ms. Laurel's teaching here and is to be used for a big need. The Leadership of MFCC is very grateful for all gifts that will help us expand our children's program. There is one child in our school that is in need of the Scholarship fund that been in place for some years but not used. This tuition help will prevent a drop-out. Funds can always be given to this fund but must be designated children's scholarship funding.

Many thanks to Marie Webb from Decker UMC for bringing Bingo gift items and paper goods. More thanks to Martha Renfroe and Emma Lea Mayton for checking competitive prices and buying and delivering eight new beautiful and light-weight tables to the

Center. This was a man sized job and these tables are one of our wishes fulfilled.

Billie Talley reports good sales in the clothing store and will probably increase with colder weather. The workday after the meeting this week on Thursday is to sort out the summer items to make room for winter items. A truck from ARC will come at 2 PM. Volunteers are always needed on Sale days and on November 1st, 15th, and 8th (Food Day). We so appreciate those who faithfully come to help and donate items for the store.

Bingo fun is available on the second and third Friday of the month. There are prizes for winners and refreshments for all. The Wesley nurse, Sharon Skaggs comes on the second Friday for blood sugar and high blood pressure screening. MARGIE SKINNER says "thanks" for donations and if there is difficulty getting them to the Center, call her at 512-258-2031.

Ms. Laurel announces a fund-raiser at her church, Hyde Park Presbyterian Church at 3919 Ave B, on Saturday, Nov 8, from 8:00-2:00pm, featuring hand made items and special foods.

Donations for the store:

- MEMORIAL UMW: KITCHEN ITEMS
- CREST VIEW UMW: BACK PACKS
- ST. JOHN'S: KITCHEN ITEMS
- OAK HILL UMC: CLOTHING, COFFEE TABLE
- ASBURY UMC: CLOTHING TWO TIMES
- GEORGIA DOMINQUEZ: SEVERAL BAGS CLOTHING
- DECKER UMC: BINGO PRIZES AND PAPER GOODS
- ELLYCE HALL: CLOTHING

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY DECEMBER 4th, AVOIDING  
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

ALL PROGRAMS NEED TOILET PAPER AND PAPER TOWELS. 2015  
CALENDARS FOR THE SCHOOL

The Colorado Hall is booked until the end of the year, reports Maria Castro. She is very busy opening, closing, cleaning and volunteering on sales days. The Hall availability is a blessing for residents in the area, allowing more people to meet and very reasonable.