



MFCC February 2015 Newsletter

MONTOPOLIS FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER MEETING: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26 AT 10:00am 403 VARGAS.

Unit presidents and social action officers are especially invited and all others interested in the programs of the Center - please come! For more information please call 512-266-2573 or send mail to PO Box 4691, Austin 78765

Our January meeting was almost canceled due to a rainstorm last month. The Board Members that did make it were mopping up the water that had seeped into the Colorado Hall from the rain. We are optimistic that this Thursday will be much better weather and we can get down to business.

Our buildings need a lot of care and therefore we need one or two persons to be on the Building Committee with Chuck Moore, especially for an emergency call and assisting Chuck who is now the only one. Chuck is bringing a group of volunteers to the Center on Saturday Feb. 28th from his Oak Hill church to tackle a multitude of repair jobs. We are hopeful that it will be a great day and are very grateful.

Deborah Laurel, our School director, was thrilled when CPS came for the final visit before issuing the permanent license. The representative said that everything was in compliance and complimented the excellent record and file system. Now our Early Childhood Development Center is ready to operate more than two days a week.

The children had a wonderful time in February, Ms. Laurel reports, as they celebrated "love" month. The children made and exchanged Valentines and treats and had a pizza party with veggies and fruits. They sang songs like "Let me Call You

Sweetheart” and “My Little Valentine” and made special cards for moms. They have had a unit on US presidents. Another student is expected to enroll in March and then they will have a planting time with Mr. Walter, when the children are delighted to have him visit and teach them. The potatoes are ready to go in the ground.!He is a blessing and is ready to help in any way.

There is a list of items that the school always needs (*"L" means the amount is low*): Elmer’s glue sticks, pleated paper plates (L), Dixie Cups(L), Toilet tissue, Paper towels (L), Play-dough (L). Glitter (all colors), cotton balls (L), Scotch masking tape, rhinestones (all shapes and colors), Kleenex, and hand pump soap. These items contributed certainly help the budget.

The Board Members attending the UMW District Leadership meeting were amazed to see a whole roomful of ladies in the session on MFCC led by Cindy Brandt and Vernell Moncure. They were very interested in our programs and our goal to offer more days of school. Emma Lea Mayton has been sending flyers to Units and churches explaining our need for this goal to happen and this has had an impact. We also would like to hear ideas on areas to apply for grants for financing. All ideas are welcome. Billie Talley reports that sales for the Clothing room were very good on the food distribution day. With the help of Vernell and Carolyn, they checked out and sacked \$80 worth of items in an hour. That was an intensely busy time. Billie will need volunteers on Saturday, March 7 and Saturday, March 21. It takes a lot of volunteers to bring in funds for the budget. Colorado Hall rental also brings in money for the budget with work from Maria Castro. Applause and gratitude!!!

Bingo for seniors is well attended, says Margie and she is so appreciative of all prizes that are donated! She asks for items for men and children. It is more difficult to find things for men - put on your thinking caps and think prizes!

Clothing items and school supplies donated:

- WEST LAKE UMC: CLOTHING, PAPER GOODS, SCHOOL SUPPLIES and BLANKETS
- MEMORIAL UMC: MEN’S CLOTHES and T SHIRTS
- SAMUEL JARANILLO: CLOTHING
- CRESTVIEW UMC: CLOTHING

- TRINITY UMC: SCHOOL SUPPLIES FROM ALBRECHT
WE ARE SAD TO NOTE THAT WE HAVE LOST TWO GOOD FRIENDS
IN THE LAST WEEK: DEAN CLUCK, WHO WORKED ON WIC
SUPPLIES, SLINGS FOR BABIES AND TAUGHT A SEWING CLASS
HAS BEEN ILL FOR SOME YEARS AND IS NOW DECEASED. THE
HUSBAND OF VIRGINIA SMITH, OUR NOMINATION CHAIR, DIED
TWO DAYS AGO. OUR SYMPATHIES ARE EXTENDED TO THE
FAMILIES AND WE THANK GOD FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE
CENTER.

Thank you for your Campbell labels. It is time to order items. See
you on February 26th!
