



MONTOPOLIS FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER MEETING
403 VARGAS ROAD, 512-385-0294
THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2014, 10:00 AM

There was a great celebration at our last meeting Dec. 5th, 2013 -- double or triple reasons. Our UMC District Superintendent Rev. Purdy visited and toured MFCC and did the installation of our newly elected officers; quite an honor for our Board. It was our Co-chair Cindy Brandt's birthday and she provided some of the refreshments (delicious cupcakes) to share with all and we had Sue Sidney's equally delicious muffins. So the leadership is off to a very good start and there is plenty of work to do. We need volunteers! Virginia Smith expressed her gratitude to all accepting leadership roles for this year.

There will be an Austin District UMW meeting on Sat. Feb. 1st, which is our usual sales day for the Clothing room and there has not been a decision to be open or not. So, if you have donations to come on Saturday, February 1, please call Billie Talley at 512-926-3592. This meeting at Dripping Springs UMC is very important partly because three of our leaders will be there to talk about MFCC and present the video of our programs: Vernell

Moncure, District President Eva Jordan and Cindy Brandt. Many of our faithful volunteers will be at the meeting.

The store schedule remains the same for the rest of February: Food Distribution and open store on Tuesday February 11th and Saturday, February. 15 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. Billie reported the last food distribution day brought in more customers and funds than ever. She and Vernell were able to handle things although they needed more helpers. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR FEB. 11TH TO HELP AND SEE THE BIG TRUCK IN OUR PARKING LOT AND THE RESIDENTS THAT COME EARLY FOR REGISTERING AND RECEIVING DONATED FOOD!**

A big step has been made in our licensing process when the Fire Department Supervisor came to check our buildings. One of the school bathrooms had a mildew condition before the inspection. Tracy, Ken Burger and Lupe replaced the floor and tiles and this solved the problem. Our heartfelt thanks to them. More inspections are needed to finally be ready for approval.

The school had a fabulous Christmas party with the Home Room Mother ordering pizza for the children and sending home beautiful drawstring bags filled with gifts for each from Manchaca UMC angel tree Ministry organized by Sandee Setterquist who reads to the children. The bags were made by the Manchaca Craft group, tooth brushes, paste and flossers from the Cedar Park Ladies, hand-made caps from St. John's UMC and color books and colors from UMW unit members. What excitement! The children are studying January weather, snowflakes, and warm clothing. The school would enjoy books on seasons of the year and are now enjoying the books already donated. Ms. Laurel writes a monthly newsletter for the parents.

The Bingo group continues playing with fun and great prizes. Margie thanks everyone profusely for the items donated and will need more in a month or two. If help is needed in getting the

items to the Center, please call Margie Skinner at 512-258-2031 for a pick-up.

Six students are currently receiving Miles Scholarships for the Spring Semester 2014. Generous contributions from several Austin district United Methodist Churches, UMW Units, and individuals enabled the Scholarship Committee to provide a one-time scholarship increase to \$400 per student. One young man who entered ACC intending to achieve firefighter certification, wrote in his re-application letter, of plans to continue his education to attain his bachelor's degree. To see young men and women discover that they can achieve more than they expected, is a blessing for all of us - Martha Renfroe, Miles Scholarship Committee.

DONATIONS- THANK YOU SINCERELY! Clothing from Memorial UMW, Deborah Laurel, Tarrytown UMC plus an office chair, refrigerator, and copier. OCTAVIA SMITH arranged for a Barbie Doll collection from a UT student to be donated to the Sales Room. Some were sold and Octavia found a buyer for the rest, amounting to an even more generous Scholarship fund. Many thanks !!!!

Walter Skinner is working on an updated sign for our front parking lot - look for it soon. The Crestview UMW Bazaar leader were able to donate a very generous amount to our Treasury with their proceeds and we were so happy to receive it. What a blessing!

NEEDED: PAPER TOWELS, SMALL DIXIE CUPS, CAMPELL LABELS

