

## **Minutes of Community Outreach Meeting**

**Tuesday 16th April 2024 at 7.30pm**

**Present : Maralyn, Rachel, Margaret, Roy, Scott, Jill**

**Apologies: Cammy**

1. Session was opened by Roy with a reading from Romans 10:6-17 and prayer.

### **2. Minutes of last meeting dated 23rd January**

New Question for Kirk Session: This was not sent. Copy to be sent to Scott when it is next our turn.

### **3. Pre-fives.**

Now only one session. All PM mums have managed to transfer to morning. Numbers steady at 20-25. The extra volunteers has been beneficial with regards staffing and gives opportunities to explore the Christian message.

### **4. BELONG**

All recent Belong events went well, although attendance at February event was down. Good support from volunteers and congregation. Rachel wants to link future Belong Fun days to the next morning's service. To be investigated.

Discussion ensued on number of events and type. Suggestion for social events under the umbrella of Belong to include people on the periphery of our Church. Could Belong help run the BBQ, a Pizza and Praise night or a January Ceilidh (Burns night). Other suggestions were games night (involve youth), and Beetle drive.

Cammy has offered to organise a Pizza and praise for Autumn and I believe Community Outreach would support that.

We already support summer BBQ and will work with youth groups. Games and races will take place as well as a treasure hunt.

Jill to investigate ceilidh idea and come back with proposals.

Roy to investigate BBQ banner.

### **ASN family support group**

Rachel meets with a number of such families and would like to arrange a formal support group in halls with perhaps a prayer room. She will come back with details.

### **5. Quarry Park**

Saturday 20th April opening of new play park. They want to borrow tables and gazebo.

### **6 Thursday Coffee Morning**

Well attended with some new people. Highlight has been the 2 visits by WPS P4s to read everyone a story, one to one. Enjoyed by the children and all attendees at coffee morning. Hope to repeat.

## 7. Charity Giving

Prison - Easter card and egg: over 500 issued all financed by donation.

Falkirk Foodbank: nothing to report

Martha's pantry: One more Volunteer from our Church (Moirra Campbell?) Now only open on a Wednesday from 1 to 3.30pm. Average no. of users 24-20. Not sure if it reaches everyone in need. Cookery demos being planned.

No large scale Christian Aid Week event this year. Maralyn distributing CAW envelopes at Church.

## 8. CAP

CAP Sunday 4th February was well received. John Russell was excellent speaker.

CAP's new Money Coaching Course has been successfully trialled and first open course in Brightons Church is scheduled for the four Wednesday evenings, 8th to 29th May. 7-9pm. This will be advertised initially to the congregation but it is also open to non church of all ages. From the late teens starting out on life to the more mature, anyone wanting to control their finances better.

Dates for diary: Forth Valley CAP is now 5 years old and they have much to celebrate. A special celebration service will be held in Lambert Baptist Church on Sunday 26th May at 6pm. All welcome.

CAP Scotland is holding their annual Conference in Edinburgh on Saturday the 20th June, 9.15 to 15.30.

See Roy for further details

## 9. Litter Pick

Did not happen on the 13th April: Need someone to pick up organisation duty. Will try and encourage individuals and groups to borrow equipment and use as part of their normal activities.

## 10. AOCB

**Foyer Notice Board:** Roy has had discussions with Alan Macfarlane over use of boards and changes will hopefully be in place after the summer.

More coat pegs has been added to work party to-do list.

**11. Next Meeting :** Tuesday 13th August 2024 at 7.30pm