

**AFUMC Outreach Committee
Meeting Minutes – November 18, 2025**

Present: Diana Carter, Bob Castle, Mary Church, Rev. Pat Dupont, Robyn Gage, Jonathan Carroll-Nellenback, Claudia Nolan, Dawn Riedy and John Smalt.

Minutes: October Minutes were amended to read “Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity – Submitted a request for \$4,000...” and approved. To ensure Minutes reach the Governing Board in a timely manner, future Minutes will be handled as follows: Robyn will email draft to Diana; Diana will forward to committee members who will “Reply All” with corrections; upon approval, Jonathan will then forward them to both the Governing Board and David Stith.

Undesignated Outreach Funding: The request below had been emailed to committee members prior to the meeting.

- National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) – Submitted a request for \$5,000 to be used for general operating expenses. Following a brief discussion, Bob moved to grant \$1,000 to NAMI, seconded by Jonathan. The motion passed with seven voting yes and one abstaining.
- John plans to use funds in his RCSD budget to provide meals for School 17 families.
- Robyn hopes to have two requests submitted in December.

Asbury First’s Updated Financials: Dawn emailed members the COC Operations Budget Report for Nov. 18, 2025.

- 83% of total budgeted 2025 income has been received.
- No need to transfer additional reserve funds.
- Daisy Marquis Jones grant, when received, will be included in the 2026 Budget.
- 2026 COC Budget has been approved by the Finance Committee and endorsed by the Governing Board.
- Rev. Pat’s healthcare benefits are being finalized.
- Rev. Pat has will meet with ministry teams to review budget.
- 71% of \$335,000 2026 goal has been pledged as of Nov. 14th.
- General and COC Budgets will be presented to the congregation early in 2026.

Dining In For Outreach: Diana reported that over \$37,000 has been raised. There were 152 attendees at dinners.

Ministry Surveys: Diana noted that there has been very little effort by individual ministries to conduct surveys with our neighbors. Options were discussed to encourage ministry leaders to make this a priority. Can we find dedicated people to help? Should we revisit this after the holidays? How can our social workers be helpful?

Annual Reviews: A small committee (Diana, Robyn and Mary) was formed to make a template for ministries to complete.

Pastoral Report:

- Ingathering – scheduled for this coming weekend. Invitations were sent to 2,600 residents of the surrounding neighborhood to an open house Saturday, Nov. 22nd from 10am – 2pm. Information tables will be set up in the ADCC. Volunteers are needed to greet guests and handle donations. The Sunday service will include the usual collection of donations during the service. Rev. Pat is preaching.

- New fundraising initiative – donors may purchase a card which states that a donation was made in honor of someone.
- Rev. Pat is working to promote more cohesiveness amongst COC ministries.
- Meeting scheduled for Dec. 5th for ADCC volunteers to review mission and to include implicit bias teaching.

Other:

- Terms for Diana and John will expire at the end of the year. They each will renew terms.
- Committee members will be responsible for Dec. 17th Wednesday evening meal in 1040. Food will be ordered from the Episcopal Home. Members will serve and clean-up.
- Date for January retreat will be determined by email.

Next Meeting: Next meeting December 17th following the Wednesday meal.

Closing Prayer: By Rev. Pat.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robyn Gage