

Serving Our School Committee Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2015

1. OPEN WITH PRAYER – Jenny Hill opened with prayer
2. INTRODUCTIONS – Everyone went around the table and introduced themselves and told a little about themselves.
3. VISION – Jenny Hill shared the vision of this new ministry and why she had a heart for starting this. She shared about her experiences volunteering in classroom and hearing the needs that the students and teachers had and began the journey to figure out how she could help. We also talked about the future of this organization and how we would like to make it a national organization and get more schools and volunteers involved.
4. PURPOSE (*What we want to do right now. / What we hope to grow into.*) – Jenny Hill shared what the purpose of this ministry was and showed the different ministries that we want to do under S.O.S.
5. SUPPLY DRIVE – We discussed the recent supply drive (and the one that is continuing a Decatur Church of Christ through the month of February). In our first supply drive in January there were 9 churches, 2 parting organizations involved. We collected 49 different types of supplies with a total of 2468 items collected. The items were first divided by what the biggest needs were at each school. Then we were able to put together 19 new student welcome packets to divide between both schools. All other supplies were divided equally between the two schools that we are currently serving.
6. CURRENT TO DO LIST – Jenny Hill shared some of the things that she would like to do through SOS in the near future. She is planning on contacting Walmart to see how they can help. We hope to have them donate school supplies to set out at registration for families to take some. Jacki Morris also suggested contacting Kevan Biggs to see how his company could help us in giving back to the community. (Many of the families that need our services are living in the local housing his company provides.) We also discussed about doing a “Welcome Wagon” flyer.

We would like to put together a flyer that includes a list of all local agencies that students and families could use for different types of services. We talked about how there is so many services offered out there and it may just be that families are not aware of them. It was suggested to contact Connie Mayer at Adams County Community Foundation to get a list of these agencies and she may even already have a flyer we can get a copy of. Tricia Gose suggested that a flyer be put in each of the new student welcome packets.

7. NOT-FOR-PROFIT - BOARD MEMEBERS, OFFICERS, BY-LAWS – We discussed that we since we are officially a not-for-profit we have to get bylaws voted on and we need officers and board members. Jenny Hill asked for anyone who would like to serve SOS in this way to let her know. We plan to vote on the final by-laws and board members and officers at the next meeting. Everyone will be appointed and a ballot will be cast just to approve the appointments. A copy of the by-laws were sent home with each person to review and email Jenny Hill at jenny8481@hotmail.com with any suggestions of things to remove, add, or change. Once all changes are made a final copy will be email to all board members at least one week prior to next meeting. They will need to review them one last time and be ready for the final approval vote at the next meeting.

8. QUESTIONS AND IDEAS – At the end of the meeting everyone was giving the opportunity to ask questions and share their ideas.

9. SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME. – The next meeting was set for Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 6:30pm at Common Grounds Church of the Nazarene.

Updates Since Last Meeting:

1. Phone calls were made to ask people to be officers / board memembers. A list of all the appointed members was emailed out to board members. If you did not receive this please email Jenny Hill for a copy (jenny8481@hotmail.com)
2. A meeting was set up with Walmart to discuss how we can work together. The meeting is set for Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 1:30pm. Jenny Hill and Jacki Morris will meet with the Store Manager, Greg Farmer.
3. A voice mail was left for Kevan Biggs to set up a time to meet with him. We are still waiting on a return call from him.
4. We are now collecting Box Tops to give to the schools. We hope to collect them through local churches but will also make SOS address available so they can be mailed to us.

5. Beginning contacts were made with Dave Wilkins who works for Rally Cap out of Chicago. He is the local rep for our area. He was recently at Adams Central Schools. He is also the co-founder of Bright Futures (a not-for-profit organization for high school students). We are hoping to network together to help each other out.