

The monthly meeting of MCEF was held at 7:00 p.m. at the One Stop Shop. There were 18 in attendance representing 15 churches. The meeting was opened by the President, Pat Hubert. Mary Britton, Vice President, opened with prayer. The agenda was adopted by general consent.

All Souls Episcopal, Richard Morrison
Broadus Baptist, Karen Tucker, **Treasurer**
Church of the Redeemer, Ed Soniat
Cool Spring Baptist, Ann Kennedy
Fairfield Presbyterian, Nancy Gallihugh, **Client Services Director**
Fairmount Christian, Marshall Johnson
Gethsemane, Mary Britton, **Vice President**
Greater Nazarene Baptist, Yolanda Morrison
Mechanicsville United Methodist, Marcy Jervey
Messiah Lutheran, Donna Combs, **Clothing Coordinator**
Messiah Lutheran, Gladys Hubert
Messiah Lutheran, Pat Hubert, **President**
New Song UMC, Lyn Spencer
New Song UMC, Susan Spencer
Northside Baptist, Trudy Carlton
Restoration Church, Carol Dean
Truth Baptist, Wendy Pursel, **Secretary**
Walnut Grove Baptist, Charles Rasnick, **Sr. Rides Coordinator**

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Church representatives were asked to please bring a handful of an updated brochure from their church to display for clients as they walk in. Any information regarding ministries, such as a Grief Support Group, would be helpful to have available for clients in need. Lyn Spencer requested an amendment to the March minutes T4T report, to remove the statement, "A list of items to be donated may be found on our website". This list has been taken off the website to allow for adjustments to be made. Additionally, there was a correction in the Announcements/Events section of the March minutes, as the times for Hymn Sing at Hillcrest Baptist should be 10-12, rather than 10-2, on the first Thursday of each month. Amended minutes of the March meeting were approved.

CLIENT SERVICES REPORT

Nancy Gallihugh has created a survey to help us better understand the needs of our clients. This survey is being given to each client who comes to the OSS during the month of April. Nancy will be sharing information about MCEF ministries at events at both Fairmount and Greater Nazarene Baptist in May and June. Nancy and Mary Britton will also be sharing MCEF information at a Church of the Latter-Day Saints breakfast at the end of April. Phone activity has consisted mostly of calls asking for information about more resources. A new phone schedule has been created that runs through July 20th. If you are interested in being involved in answering the phone, please contact Nancy Gallihugh at inn Galli@comcast.net. Each phone representative has the phone for 2-week intervals. The phone is no longer being used for financial assistance but is now for basic information only. A notebook of information, training, an answering machine, and WiFi are provided along with the phone.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITY

In March, there were 30 requests for financial assistance and 12 were helped. We were able to help three of the twelve families with more than one bill. 5 requests are still pending. There were some requests that were submitted that were not able to be helped, as they were not eligible. Those requesting assistance must live in the 23111 or 23116 zip codes. Financial help of up to \$500 is given once every 2 years, if eligible.

TREASURER’S REPORT

March 2024 income/expense accounting:
 Income- \$15,026.58
 Expenses- \$12,583.33
 Acct balance end of the month - \$303,117.06
 Acct balance as of 4/3/24 -\$300,521.40

The March income reflects not only the recent Nascar donation, but also donations from some churches that are now giving quarterly or yearly, rather than monthly. The executive board met and approved a transfer of \$200,000 to a fixed rate CD of 5.05%. This additional interest will go a long way to help support MCEF. There was a motion to approve the treasurer’s report subject to audit. The vote was favorable.

HANOVER SENIOR RIDES

During the month of March 2024, MCEF gave 131 (one-way) rides in Mechanicsville and ACES provided 26 (one-way) rides in the Ashland, Elmont, and Hanover Courthouse areas. Overall, Hanover Senior Rides provided a total of 157 (one-way) rides for the month of March. Not counted in this total are 5 rides we gave to OSS clients in March. A total of over 19,000 rides have been given since the program began in 2013.

2024 monthly ride totals:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr.	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
MCEF-	133	154	131									
ACES -	<u>32</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>26</u>									
Total -	165	188	157									

We currently have 92 riders (MCEF has 75 and ACES has 17 riders). Also, we added two new volunteer drivers, so we currently have 29 volunteer drivers (23 with MCEF and 6 with ACES). One of our drivers is having serious health issues and needs our prayers.

Our Operations Manager, Aimee West, and our Ride Coordinators continue doing a great job in managing the daily operation of the program by scheduling rides, providing information, and communicating with the riders and our volunteer drivers.

We added one new volunteer in March who will do the ride coordination work as well as drive. Currently, we need 4 additional volunteer drivers.

ONE STOP SHOP (OSS) ACTIVITY: For February 2024

Total sign ins – 151 (representing 426 persons in household)
Total new clients – 6
Total # bags of food given out – 206
Total # bags for second helping – 22
Total bags of clothing given out – 51
Total bags of linens given out – 5

**DONATIONS OF FOOD AND CLOTHING ARE ACCEPTED
THE 1ST AND 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 2-3:30.**

FOOD PANTRY/VOLUNTEER

Volunteer applications are accepted anytime. Please see the updated volunteer application on the MCEF website. Download, fill out and submit to MCEF by mail or in person. Once your application has been processed and accepted, you will be sent a link by email to SignUp Genius in order to sign up for available volunteer dates/times.

Current Needs For The Food Pantry

jelly/jam, boxed meals (such as hamburger/tuna helper, Dinty Moore or Hormel complete meal containers, taco kits, etc.), and personal care items (such as shampoo, conditioner, soaps, dental items)

CLOTHES CLOSET (and linens)

We have transitioned to spring/summer clothing, so please save your winter clothes donations for September.

When you are dropping off donated clothing or linens, please place them in plastic garbage bags rather than plastic bins. It is difficult to empty and return bins due to congestion in the entry and clothing sorting areas. If you arrive with clothing in a bin, we will bring out a plastic bag for you to transfer the clothes into the bag at your car before bringing them in. Thank you for your help with this!

Current Needs for the Clothes Closets

Girls Size 6 underwear
Men's 2X and 3X T Shirts and knit shirts

BACKPACK MINISTRY

Thank you for your continued support! MCEF supplies food for this ministry, helping to fill 136 backpacks in the Eastern half of Hanover County. Donations for this ministry may be dropped off at the MCEF One Stop Shop.

Current Needs for Backpacks

Single serving, small containers of "ready" foods, such as Chef Boyardee Microwavable Pasta Cups or any single serving fruit cups

T4T (Tools for Teachers)

Lyn Spencer reported that the final 13 teacher orders that were placed in March would be filled and delivered this week. A total of 418 orders were filled this school year, with a total value of \$10,321. An updated list of items needed will be posted to the website over the summer.

FUND RAISING

- NASCAR ambassadors will be needed August 10th and 11th.
- Connect your Kroger Plus Shopping card to MCEF #GD661 on your Kroger profile.
- 9/11 concert will be held at Walnut Grove Baptist at 7:00. Hanover High School string orchestra will perform. The admission will be a financial donation, plus 2 cans of food.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Two gravesites at Signal Hill have been donated to MCEF - they are available upon request.
- MCEF began in November of 1976, and will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2026! Please see Mary Britton if you are interested in helping to plan this celebration.

ANNOUNCES/EVENTS

- First Thursday of each month, 10-12, Hymn Sing and luncheon at Hillcrest Baptist
- April 11th (9-4), 12th (8-4), 13th (8-2), Yard Sale, Northside Baptist Church
- April 21st, 10:00, Car Wash, Restoration Church
- April 27th (7:30-11:00), Spring Yard Sale, Broadus Church
- June 10-13, VBS, Restoration Church
- Sept. 13 (1:00), Missions Fundraising Golf Tournament, Restoration Church

The group shared any prayer concerns followed by the Lord's Prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Please remember that the MCEF meetings are the second Monday of the month , unless otherwise notified. (put it on your calendar)

Next Meeting - Monday, May 13, 2024 at the One Stop Shop – 7:00 p.m.

Wendy Pursel, Secretary