

The monthly meeting of MCEF was held at 7:00 p.m. at the One Stop Shop. There were 16 in attendance representing 14 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, Rick Morrison
Black Creek Baptist, Debbie Ward
Broadus Baptist, Karen Tucker, **Treasurer**
Cool Spring Baptist, Ann Kennedy
Episcopal Church of the Creator, Sandy Wainwright
Fairfield Presbyterian, Nancy Gallihugh, **Client Services Director**
Fairmount Christian, Marshall Johnson
Gethsemane, Mary Britton, **Vice President**
Messiah Lutheran, Gladys Hubert
Messiah Lutheran, Pat Hubert, **President**
Northside Baptist, Trudy Carlton
Restoration Church, Carol Dean
Shalom Baptist, Linda Wade
Truth Baptist, Wendy Pursel, **Secretary**
Walnut Grove Baptist, Charles Rasnick, **Sr. Rides Coordinator**
Leigh Negvesky, **Clothing Coordinator**

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes of the July meeting were approved as posted. Please check the website for the monthly minutes as they contain good information to report to your church. MCEF brochures have been updated to reflect current information regarding financial assistance. These updated brochures are available to download on the website, and will be emailed to each participating church. Be sure to give Wendy Pursel any updated contact information if changes occur.

CLIENT SERVICES REPORT

Nancy Gallihugh reported that the phone reps were doing well in handling the incoming calls. These calls are for general information regarding MCEF ministries, and a Resource notebook is maintained and updated to use as a reference for current community contacts as needed. If you are interested in being involved in answering the MCEF phone, please contact Nancy Gallihugh at innalli@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. Phone calls just need to be answered by the end of the day.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITY

In July, there were 45 requests for financial assistance and 25 were helped. Karen Tucker reported that the link for financial assistance on the website stopped working at the end of June. After several attempts to correct it, the issue was not resolved, so an email system was created to replace the link. Karen has updated the website and reprinted the MCEF brochures to reflect this change, and it is reported to be working well. It was also noted that financial assistance was given to a family in need to pay for car parts from Jason Wells at Mechanics of Faith. Please keep this in mind as there may be others who have a transportation repair need that can be helped by this organization. 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

July 2024 income/expense accounting:

Income- \$8,467.97

Expenses- \$28,036.82

Acct balance end of the month - \$69,788.83

Acct balance as of 7/12/24 -\$72,376.00

Certificate of Deposit at Edward Jones - \$200,000

The higher expenses in July reflect 2 rent payments for the OSS in the same month, Senior Rides annual insurance, and 26 driver expense checks.

There was a motion to approve the treasurer’s report subject to audit. The vote was favorable.

HANOVER SENIOR RIDES

During the month of July 2024, MCEF gave 134 (one-way) rides in Mechanicsville and ACES provided 34 (one-way) rides in the Ashland, Elmont, and Hanover Courthouse areas. Overall, Hanover Senior Rides provided a total of 168 (one-way) rides for the month of July. Not counted in this total are 3 rides we gave to OSS clients in July.

2024 monthly ride totals:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr.	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
MCEF-	133	154	131	138	176	136	134					
ACES -	<u>32</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>34</u>					
Total -	165	188	157	166	214	186	168					

MCEF currently has 98 riders. Also, we currently have 32 volunteers including Operations Manager, Aimee West, 4 Ride Coordinators and 26 volunteer drivers. Two of our drivers are having serious health issues and another is recovering from surgery and all need our prayers.

We held a volunteer’s meeting on July 25th to thank them for their volunteer work in the Senior Rides ministry. As part of the meeting we updated the volunteers on ensuring the riders are called at the right time, as well as provide materials and discuss safety and liability issues.

ONE STOP SHOP (OSS) ACTIVITY FOR July

Total sign ins – 148 (representing 443 persons in household)
Total new clients – 6
Total # bags of food given out – 211
Total # bags for second helping – 22
Total bags of clothing given out – 46
Total bags of linens given out – 7

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

FOOD PANTRY/VOLUNTEER

There are 2 donation collection opportunities available for your whole church, Sunday School classes or group projects. We are currently collecting items for our Backpack Program and for our Thanksgiving Bags. A list for each of these collections will be emailed to churches, and will also be available on our website. We will begin giving out Thanksgiving Bags to clients on Oct. 21st. Please send these donations in before the 21st so that we can be well stocked to begin. We will still accept Thanksgiving bag donations after Oct. 21st, but it is most helpful to have them ready by the 21st.

There was a change made to Sign Up Genius volunteer slots. The Front Area Volunteer for Thursday evenings now has 2 slots available to help the flow and allow for volunteers needing service hours.

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

Canned Meats, canned fruits, jam/jelly

CLOTHES CLOSET (and linens)

A Summer Clothes clearance was held at the OSS on Aug. 12-13 to make way for the Fall/Winter clothing. We are now accepting Fall/Winter clothes. Please be reminded that we do not accept clothing that is stained, dirty, torn, out of date, or with slogans/advertising.

Current Needs for the Clothes Closets

3 month Winter girls

BACKPACK MINISTRY

MCEF supplies food for this ministry, helping to fill backpacks with food for Eastern Hanover County students in need. We are currently collecting food for this program. A flyer with a list of items needed will be sent to the churches. Recently, Compass Christian made a donation of \$2,587 that was collected through their VBS program - many thanks!

Donations for this ministry may be dropped off at the MCEF One Stop Shop.

Current Needs for Backpacks

Individual serving sizes with pop tops or easy lids:

- fruit cups
- mac and cheese
- canned pasta (such as Chef Boyardee)
- small soup (chicken noodle or tomato)
- Ramen noodle cups
- cereal bars

FUND RAISING

- NASCAR - a check of \$2,250 was received from the August race event
- Connect your Kroger Plus Shopping card to MCEF #GD661 on your Kroger profile.
- 9/11 concert will be held at Walnut Grove Baptist at 7:00pm. The American Legion will open the concert with a presentation of the military branch flags. Hanover High and Oak Knoll Middle School string orchestra will perform. The admission will be \$5, plus 2 cans of food. A poster was made and sent out to all the churches. There are copies of the poster at the OSS if needed as well.

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.

NEW BUSINESS

A Nominating Committee has been formed, consisting of Wendy Pursel and Trudy Carlton.

ANNOUNCES/EVENTS

- First Thursday of each month, 10-12, Hymn Sing and luncheon at Hillcrest Baptist
- August 18, 3:00, Bike Parade, Black Creek Baptist (bring own bike/scooter, helmet and decorate if you wish!)
- Sept. 8, 12:00, Family Fun Day, Restoration Church
- Sept. 12-14, Broadus Church Field Trip to Daniel Sight and Sound and Museum of the Bible
- Sept. 13, 1:00, Missions Fundraising Golf Tournament, Restoration Church
- Oct. 6, 12:30-2:30, Fall Festival, Broadus Church
- Oct. 19, 2:00, Fall Festival, Northside Baptist Church

Additional announcements:

We are aware that Hanover Churches Network may be reaching out to churches. They provide services similar to MCEF/ACES within Hanover county.

Marshall Johnson reported that Habitat is now offering a Critical Repair Program for those in need of emergency home repair. Flyers are available at the OSS with more information.

The group shared any prayer concerns followed by the Lord's Prayer.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 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 - Sept. 9, 2024 at the One Stop Shop – 7:00 p.m.

Wendy Pursel, Secretary