

The monthly meeting of MCEF was held at 7:00 p.m. at the One Stop Shop. There were 15 in attendance representing 12 churches. The meeting was called to order 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**  
Broadus Baptist, Neil Turner  
Cool Spring Baptist, Ann Kennedy  
Fairfield Presbyterian, Nancy Gallihugh, **Client Services Director**  
Fairmount Christian, Gail Ellis  
Gethsemane, Mary Britton, **Vice President**  
Messiah Lutheran, Donna Combs, **Acting Clothing Coordinator**  
Messiah Lutheran, Gladys Hubert  
Messiah Lutheran, Pat Hubert, **President**  
Northside Baptist, Trudy Carlton  
Restoration Church, Carol Dean  
Truth Baptist, Wendy Pursel, **Secretary**  
Walnut Grove Baptist, Charlie Rasnick, **Sr. Rides Coordinator**

## **OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Minutes of the January meeting were approved as posted. Please check the website for the monthly minutes as they contain good information to report to your church. Be sure to give Wendy Pursel any updated contact information if changes occur.

### **CLIENT SERVICES REPORT/Phone Reps**

At a recent Food Network Meeting, Nancy Gallihugh was made aware that there are currently no food pantries open on Fridays for those in need. In response to this, MCEF was able to prepare and deliver 2 bags of food to the Mechanicsville Social Services office off of Bell Creek Rd. Included in the bag is information about MCEF, as well as a resource guide to other food banks. The Social Services office will give these bags to those in need of food on Fridays, in order to get them through the weekend until they can visit a local food bank.

There are currently 4 phone representatives, and the schedule runs through June 21st.

If you are interested in being involved in answering the MCEF phone, please contact Nancy Gallihugh at [innngalli@comcast.net](mailto:innngalli@comcast.net). Each phone representative has the phone for 2 week intervals. The phone is no longer being used for financial assistance, but is used 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**

During the month of January, there were 40 requests for financial assistance and 16 were helped, with 5 pending. So far in February, there have been 10 processed requests. Information for requesting financial assistance may be found on the website, and those requesting assistance must send the information requested through email. Rent and utilities are not paid in advance, but only when an eviction or disconnect notice has been given. Payment is not given to clients, but paid directly to property management or the utility. 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**

January 2025 income/expense accounting:

Income- \$13,990.71

Expenses- \$13,753.13

Acct balance end of the month - \$65,150.61

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

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

**HANOVER SENIOR RIDES**

During the month of January 2025, MCEF gave 110 (one-way) rides in Mechanicsville and ACES provided 28 (one-way) rides in the Ashland, Elmont, and Hanover Courthouse areas. Overall, Hanover Senior Rides provided a total of 138 (one-way) rides for the month of January. 2025 monthly ride totals:

|         | Jan       | Feb | Mar | Apr. | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|---------|-----------|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| MCEF-   | 110       |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| ACES -  | <u>28</u> |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Total - | 138       |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |

We begin 2025 with 124 riders (MCEF has 101 and ACES has 23 riders). Also, we currently have 31 volunteer drivers (25 with MCEF and 6 with ACES).

Our Operations Manager, Aimee West, and our 4 Ride Coordinators are 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 were notified in January that MCEF was given a \$2350 grant from the Dover Baptist Association.

Since this ministry began in July 2013, over 21,800 rides have been provided.

**ONE STOP SHOP (OSS) ACTIVITY FOR January**

Total sign ins –147 (representing 430 persons in household)

Total new clients – 8

Total # bags of food given out – 203

Total # bags for second helping –25

Total bags of clothing given out – 84

Total bags of linens given out – 67

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

**FOOD PANTRY/VOLUNTEER**

Due to the current egg price and shortage, a decision was made by the executive committee to continue to provide one dozen eggs per household per month. Eggs will not be given to clients coming in for a second helping within the same month.

It was also decided that there would be no donation Sunday hours on April 20th due to the Easter holiday.

**Current Needs For The Food Pantry**

Pasta Sauce

Jelly/Jam

Canned White Potatoes

Crackers (Ritz, Graham, Saltine)

**CLOTHES CLOSET (and linens)**

We are no longer accepting Winter Coats or Clothes. We have an overabundance which has been shared with other locations such as the King William Clothes Closet and Retreat Hospital. We are accepting Spring 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/Linens Closets**

New Socks and Underwear (all sizes)

**BACKPACK MINISTRY**

Currently, 110 backpacks are sent home each weekend, from 5 Eastern corridor elementary schools and 1 middle school. Each backpack is filled with the equivalent of 6 meals.

MCEF supports this ministry, and donations for the backpacks may be dropped off at the MCEF One Stop Shop. Typically, 3-6 bins of food are collected each donation Sunday to help support the backpack ministry.

### **Current Needs for Backpacks**

Individual serving sizes with pop tops or easy lids, microwaveable: (fruit cups, mac and cheese, canned pasta (such as Chef Boyardee), small soup (chicken noodle or tomato), Ramen noodle cups, cereal bars, cereal)

### **FUND RAISING**

- NASCAR - next upcoming race - August 15-16. This will be the only race this year.
- Kroger - Please connect your Kroger Plus Shopping card to MCEF #GD661 on your Kroger profile.
- The 9/11 Benefit Concert will be held again next year, with a commitment from the Hanover High string orchestra to perform at Walnut Grove Baptist Church.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- We will begin our Long Range Planning, as this is the 3rd year of the 2nd 5 years of being in the OSS location. A team will be meeting in the Spring.
- The 50th Anniversary planning committee will meet in May/June. Fairmount church will possibly host the volunteer luncheon. Another event will be held for ministers/missions teams, as well as corporate sponsors, with Cool Springs church being a possible host.

### **ANNOUNCES/EVENTS**

- Feb. 15, 5-7, Chili Cookoff, Restoration Church
- Feb. 16, 3:00, Valentine Cookie Decorating Party, Black Creek Baptist
- March 15, 8-1pm, Yard Sale, Food, and Displays, Messiah Lutheran
- March 22, 7:30-11:30, Yard Sale to benefit Sleep In Heavenly Peace missions, Broadus Church
- April 13, 12 noon, Springfest, Restoration Church

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 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 - March 10, 2025 at the One Stop Shop – 7:00 p.m.**

Wendy Pursel, Secretary