**Ebenezer United Methodist Men (EUMM)**

**2022 Annual Report (Rev: 03062023)**

**2022 EUMM Executive Committee Officers**

President Bob Skewes

Vice President Mike Poff

Secretary Frank Fota

Treasurer Mark Greggs

Chaplain Barry Mills

Past Board Member Dennis Benjamin

**Background:**

EUMM was essentially dormant during the Covid pandemic. Exacerbated by the passing of EUMM President Warren Schaeffer, ministry activity was very limited. Guided by a few members serving as EUMM Officers, some financial support was provided to various ministries as funds permitted. Toward the end of 2021, several planning meetings were held to determine a way forward, with substantial input being garnered from men who attended the Tuesday evening Fuel for Men Bible study group. Volunteers were identified to serve as members of the EUMM Executive Committee (noted above). A yard sale was held in October 2021. Monthly meetings were reinstated in November 2021 (held in the Gym at 9:00 am on the first Saturday of each month).

**Summary:**

Several efforts during 2022 were designed to re-establish some organizational control and reinstate men’s ministry and activities. After re-establishing the monthly fellowship meetings, the Executive Committee members agreed to also meet monthly, approximately 10 days before each monthly meeting. An old copy of the EUMM Constitution and By-Laws was identified, and over the course of the year, it was amended to improve EUMM management. Notable changes were made to EUMM: roles and responsibilities; management of funds; use of email for notifications and emergency voting; and, officer elections and filling of officer vacancies. Efforts also focused on improving outreach, including working with the Communications Director (Jackie Brence) and Graphic Designer (Daniel Frush) to improve awareness of EUMM and its activities. A dedicated EUMM website was created, and MailChimp was used to send news on upcoming events and meetings to men within the Church. Facebook and website posts, EUMC Newsletter articles, posters, and bulletin board messaging were initiated. An Information Sheet, List of Missions, and Resource List were developed and adopted. Members also designed EUMM T-Shirts, and shirts were ordered.

**Events/Activities:**

The following is a summary of the events and activities held in 2022:

On April 30, 2022 a Yard Sale was held in conjunction with the United Women in Faith and the Scout Ministry. The Yard Sale raised $1,530. Seven EUMM members supported this event.

On four occasions over the summer, five different EUMM members provided lawn care assistance to an Ebenezer Church family, following the back surgery of the family’s father.

On September 2, 2022, 32 members and guests attended a Fred Nats baseball game.

In addition to providing financial support, several EUMM members supported Go for Bo at the Stafford Airport on September 17, 2022 by volunteering to assist onsite.

On September 24, 2022 a Yard Sale was held in conjunction with the Scout Ministry. The Yard Sale raised $1,375. Nine EUMM members supported this event.

In October, fourteen EUMM members supported the Information Library Pumpkin Festival, by helping to offload and stage pumpkins for the event. Two members also outfitted a trailer with rails to enable the Church to provide hayrides during the event.

With assistance from the Director of Missions and Outreach, EUMM conducted a drive to support the UMCOR disaster relief campaign. Sherwin-Williams of Stafford donated 50 buckets to support this event. Additional supplies/funds were donated/collected to outfit 54 Cleanup Buckets and 58 Hygiene Kits. Twenty-one Church members came together on November 5, 2022, to assemble the kits, with eight EUMM Members volunteering to coordinate the process.

Thirteen Girl Scout cadets constructed mangers on November 9, 2022, to qualify for their woodworker badge. There were five EUMM volunteers present as safety supervisors and instructors.

Fifty-three members of the choir and praise band attended the EUMM- and UWIF- sponsored Worship Breakfast on November 12, 2022. There were seven EUMM volunteers present.

Four EUMM members volunteered on November 13, 2022, to work the Ministry Fair, manning a table between Sunday services to inform the congregation about the EUMM. Three new members were identified for the EUMM.

The Living Manger was constructed on December 1, 2022. Four EUMM volunteers helped Pastor Jeff construct, and subsequently disassemble, the Living Manger.

Five families participated in the Manger Build on December 3, 2022. Seven EUMM volunteers served as safety supervisors and instructors. An additional manger kit was sold to a Church member, and one manger was donated to the preschool. The remaining manger kits that were ordered will be used for future events.

EUMM members also participated in several cleanup activities around the Church property following storms to remove downed trees and other storm damage, and at Cloe Field to prepare for the Pumpkin Festival.

Numerous EUMM members served in the Compassion Restoration Ministry Woodcutting Ministry which provides wood for heating and cooking for needy families, and others also participated in the Ebenezer Acres ministry which provided fresh food to the SERVE ministry.

A substantial number of EUMM members also participated in the Tuesday evening Fuel for Men Bible study.

Elections for EUMM Executive Committee Officers were held in December 2022. The 2023 slate officers are shown below. In addition to the original slate of EUMM officers, Micheal Russ was nominated and elected as Vice President for EUMM Programs, increasing the size of the EUMM Executive Committee from 6 to 7 members.

**Mission Support:**

Various fundraising activities, including the yard sales, and donations from the congregation to support EUMM, allowed us to raise $3,200 and support ten ministries including SERVE; Go for Bo; Greater Fredericksburg Habitat for Humanity; Heart Havens, Inc; the Society of St Andrews; Campus Christian Community of Mary Washington University; Micah Ecumenical Ministries; The Brisben Center; and, the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

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