

Missions Meeting

August 13, 2026

Members Present:

Shannon Taylor Sheila Boes Dakotah Norton Barbara Ricks Amanda Voigt

Blessings Box:

Dakotah drafted a sign of Blessings Box Guidelines. He will revise it to focus more on “No Glass Containers” and “No Perishables,” and will try to make it more eye catching. He plans to laminate and post a couple of signs outside of the box.

Sheila reported that since \$4,000 is still in the budget, it might be necessary to spend \$1000 each month in September, October, November, and December to use up the funds.

The box of seed packets is still in the pantry. It was previously discussed that they could be posted as a free giveaway or offered to teachers for classroom use.

Hays Free Fridge:

Dakotah met with representatives to discuss having a fridge at KUMC. This will be a long-term project since it will require a cement foundation and a structure as well as other guidelines. They also discussed the possibility of a community garden in the area close to the Blessings Box. Dakotah will further discuss ideas with Pastor Kallie.

Ancora Ministries:

Amanda reported that the new warehouse, located at 395 County Rd. 202, Bldg. 4, in Kyle, is open. Lockhart has been added to the list of schools being served, so over 2,000 bags will be distributed to schools each week. More volunteers are needed. Trey Williams is looking for about 40 people to help. Volunteer opportunities are Tuesdays from 9-11 a.m., Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m., and deliveries on Thursdays from 9-10:30 a.m. A Sign-Up Genius will be posted for those wishing to volunteer. A grand opening of the new facility will be held on Wednesday, September 16 at 6 P.M.

Community Meal:

Dakotah is a member of a Pokémon team that meets regularly at Gregg-Clarke Park. He learned that the team hosts meals and mentioned that KUMC is interested in occasionally hosting community meals. The Missions Team has scheduled a meal on Saturday, September 19 at 5:30 p.m. Dakotah will confirm that members from the Gregg-Clarke group will volunteer to help.

Side Note: Sheila stated that KUMC has about \$6,000 in grant money that is to be used to feed children. Amanda suggested that Trey Williams may be a good resource with ideas on how KUMC can best use the funds.

Life Together:

A meal was served at The Southside Community Center on Saturday, August 8. There was enough food for about 40 people. Since only about 25-30 people attended, some asked to have take-out containers. Everyone seemed to enjoy the meal.

There has been some confusion as to whether Janie Perez would continue with Life Together. She confirmed that she would like to continue but cannot commit to every month. There is \$301.75 in the Life Together grant fund, more than enough to cover the meal scheduled for September 12. A decision needs to be made for the rest of the year. Methodist Healthcare Ministries accepts grant submissions in January. Dakotah may explore other grant possibilities.

Food Distribution:

27 people were served during the August 13 distribution. 4 of the 8 people who filled out applications at the backpack event were among those served.

Backpack Giveaway:

The event was a success and well received by everyone in attendance. Leftover backpacks are still being given to those unable to attend. Jodie was unable to attend the meeting, so may be able to comment further next time.

Blood Drive:

The next Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, August 16. 14 out of 20 appointments are confirmed. Hopefully, some walk-ins will also show up.

Upcoming Event:

The next mission event will be the Fall Festival on October 4. There are a lot of costumes stored from last year's festival, some of which are from previous years. It was suggested that a note be sent to the Missions Team to look through them. It was suggested that some components from costumes can be repurposed to make new costumes. They could be added to the table of costume extras at the festival so people can choose items they like to be creative to make their own costumes. It was noted that more costumes for infants and toddlers should be available.

The meeting was closed in prayer led by Shannon.

The next Missions Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 10, at 6:00 p.m. in the Admin Office.