

CHAIR: Bruce Rayce **INVOCATION:** Dick Skochdopole **MUSIC:** Alex Rapanos

HAPPY \$: Mike Feider **GREETER:** Bill Spaulding **MAILER:** Roger Briggs **EDITOR:** Diane Stevens

REMEMBER: NEXT WEEK'S MEETING IS OUR ANNUAL STEAK FRY AND WILL BE AT EMERSON PARK (PAVILION D) AT 5PM. GUESTS ARE WELCOME. THERE WILL BE NO GREETER AND INVOCATION IS TBD. THE PROGRAM IS TO SOCIALIZE.

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Thur & Fri, June 16 & 17: Eagle Village painting, 8:30 a.m., MCFTA parking lot (Duane Townley)

Tues, June 21: Kiwassee Picnic, 5 p.m., Emerson Park (Pavilion D) (Ron Keller)

Wed, June 22: Kiwassee Golf Outing, 9 a.m., Apple Mountain. (Roger Briggs)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Roger Briggs: Golf outing needs golfers and general volunteers. There are more prizes than golfers! Sign up, even if you are a single golfer and you will be placed with someone. The \$95 fee provides breakfast, lunch, dinner, and prizes.

Brian Goodwill: Please sign up to give the Invocation during the summer, and to help with the SHARE lunch preparations July 5, 6, 7, and 8. Sandwiches must be assembled and carrots portioned out.

Dick Jellum: July 5 is the annual Pinecrest picnic. The KFC and salad meal starts at 5:30pm at Pinecrest Farms. Help unloading the KFC at 4:45pm would be appreciated.

Larry McCoy: July 30 is Kiwanis Night at the Loons. Gladwin and West Branch may attend too. Sign up!

Duane Townley: Eagle Village painting trip will be Thursday and Friday, this week. One to two more can join the Thursday crew.

Jim Young: Thank you, Flag Crew! Don't put flags on the outlaws, please.

Heather McLaughlin: Fun Committee presents Two Truths and a Lie! The subject, Dick Skochdopole, the prize, a 2 hole punch that used to be a 3 hole. (Still functions as a paperweight, however.) And Brian Goodwill wins the punch/paperweight!

Bruce Rayce: Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, are there any funding requests from Committees? Flags are becoming our Signature Project! John Congleton is quickly learning the details of organizing routes. Ray Senesac makes last minutes changes, Larry McCoy and Jim Young assembled more plastic tubes. Thank you, Susan Love, for the well-written story about the WMFC bridge! Ray Senesac was recently recognized by the Midland Planning Commission for his many contributions. Congratulations, Ray!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Doug Snoddy is back after an extended visit with his children and grandchildren. Bill Kennett is in the hospital again, unfortunately. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Gene Woodward is in Candlestone Assisted Living on Waldo Road. Mike Feider reports he seemed in good spirits when he saw him recently. Al Klashak's son, Steve, joined us for lunch. He is in town for a job interview. Welcome, Steve!

PROGRAM: HUMAN & SPIRITUAL VALUES, NANCY MONEY, MIDLAND AREA HOMES

The goal of Midland Area Homes: “Safe, stable housing for everyone in the community”. MAH is more than the furniture pickup service and resale shop. The organization began in 1969 as a coalition of area churches to address the issues of homelessness in Midland County. Eleven people are currently on the MAH staff, with only 1 full time employee.

Homelessness is primarily caused by the loss of a job. There also are those who are nearly homeless, and need only temporary assistance to stay in their home. MAH will work with a client and refer them to another agency in town, if necessary, to achieve housing stability. This work comes under the “Homeless Prevention” category within MAH. Fifty percent of the budget goes to this area.

“Home to Stay” program provides hands-on guidance and mentoring, with goal-setting, budgeting, and job skills training in conjunction with other agencies.

Home repairs (25% of the MAH budget) and improved accessibility are done in partnership with Senior Services. This is for critical home needs, such as a ramp to access the home, NOT kitchen remodeling. The modifications are done with no cost to the homeowner, who must meet certain requirements.

The furniture pickup and resale program at the MAH store is what we are most familiar with and is the most visible work of MAH.

Funding for programs comes from State and Federal grants, United Way donations, local churches, Foundations, and personal donations. Two fundraising events are held, the end-of-year appeal and an auction in May of revamped, donated furniture.

How can we help? Contribute household items for the store or make monetary donations, volunteer, educate others, and advocate by helping organizations that address the issue of homelessness.

The link for the complete presentation by Nancy Money can be found on the Kiwassee website.