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Hernando Mayor's Youth Council  
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Hernando Mayor's Youth Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 26, 2017

- 6:30PM- Meeting starts.

Prayer and pledge by Grace Owens.

Landon Smith reads and explains information out of the Mississippi Official and Statistical Register 2016-2020 Blue Book.

- 6:33PM- Thank you to Lennys Subs® Hernando for catering and donating to our meeting tonight!
- 6:34PM- Mrs. Roxanne McIngvale speaks about the Hernando/Nesbit Interfaith Council on Poverty.

The Hernando Interfaith Council on Poverty has been in existence since 1982 and has increasingly attempted to reach out to the needy in our community. Starting out, it was organized by women from various local area Christian churches who work together to assist in providing services to the Hernando/Nesbit towns.

- The services provided by the Interfaith Council with the support of local churches (see list below) are:

1. Food Pantry: Food is given to those who apply at the Office of Catholic Social Services.

The pantry is staffed by volunteers from the participating churches (see list below). The Food Pantry is located at 1455 McIngvale Road Hernando, MS 38632 and is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11AM-12N.

2. "Dress a Child" Program: This program provides a new outfit, shoes, socks, backpack, and school supplies for children in low-income families for the first day of school.

3. Thanksgiving Baskets: Holiday baskets are prepared and delivered by participating church volunteers to the needy seniors in our area. Youth will sort and pack non-perishable food items that are donated by churches and people in the community. Adults will deliver the baskets on the Monday morning prior to Thanksgiving (Monday, November 20, 2017).
4. Family Christmas Outreach: Each church volunteers to provide gifts and needed items for a specific number of low-income families. Food is provided through the Food Pantry and donations are collected through the community, schools, and churches. These gifts are distributed in December on the Saturday prior to Christmas (Saturday, December 16, 2017) when the parents come to the designated location to receive the gifts and gifts.
5. Y CAP (YMCA Community Action Program): This is an early Program which uses a holistic approach to serve juvenile offenders and their families. By providing mentors, tutors, and family support, the Y CAP program offers growth and learning in a construction environment. Interfaith churches provide meals for the monthly family night and also contribute money to purchase supplies and after school snacks.
  - Interfaith Meetings: Participating churches send representatives to the monthly meetings that are held at 3:30PM on the third Thursday of the month at a designated location that rotates between the area churches. During the meetings, the group reviews the financial support, hears group updates and needs of the food pantry, and makes plans for upcoming projects.
  - We Can Help: The Food Pantry is funded by donations from individuals, churches, and organizations. Food is purchased locally as well as from MIFA® (Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association®) Memphis and the MfN (Mississippi Food Network).

- You Can Help By: Staffing the Food Pantry, donating food items or funds, representing your church at the monthly meetings, and participating in or sponsoring our annual “Flock Around the Block 5K” Walk/Run. This is the Interfaith Council’s only fund raising event held the first Saturday of April (Saturday, April 7, 2018) in Hernando. Any and all Help is appreciated!
- For more INFORMATION, please call:  
Roxanne McIngvale- (901)647-6655
- 6:43PM- Mrs. Roxanne McIngvale announces local churches participating in the Hernando/Nesbit Interfaith Council on Poverty, including:
  - Fellowship Baptist Church
  - Christ Community Church of Hernando
  - The Hill Church- Hernando
  - Christ Covenant Church (PCA), Hernando, MS
  - Holy Spirit Catholic Church
  - Dean Hill Missionary Baptist Church
  - Love United Methodist Church
  - Longview Point Baptist Church
  - Nesbit Presbyterian Church
  - Parkway Baptist Church and Parkway Baptist Church: Mother’s Day Out
  - Hernando United Methodist Church
  - Haliburton Missionary Baptist Church
  - First Presbyterian Church, Hernando, MS
  - Hernando Baptist Church
  - First Baptist Church Nesbit

- 6:47PM- The HOLIDAY SEASON is vastly approaching which means we have a lot of volunteer events coming up! Catch up on all the events this season:
  - Healthy Hometown Community Walk with the Mayor (Hernando City Hall)- Friday, November 3, 2017 at 4PM
  - Interfaith Food Pantry on Poverty Food Sorting (Holy Spirit Catholic Church)- November 2017 (official date to be announced)
  - Kroger Holiday Food Drive (Kroger Marketplace)- November and December 2017 (official dates to be announced)
  - Cookies With Santa Presented by Hernando Parks and Recreation (Gale Community Center)- Sunday, December 3, 2017 from 2PM-5PM
  - Christmas Caroling- December 2017 (official date to be announced)
- 6:50PM- Ms. Dolly Brechin from Hernando Parks and Recreation needs some help before Cookies With Santa Presented by Hernando Parks and Recreation to set up, decorate, and repair some Christmas decorations. If you are interested in helping her, NOW until December 3, 2017, text or call her at (662)429-2668. Her number is on the table at the right. For this event and help with decorating, you will have to get a signed MYC Service Hour Form for your service hours to count because Mrs. Gia cannot be at every single event. This is a way to keep track of everyone's hours.
- 6:51PM- Please understand that is a volunteer event that is not sponsored by the Hernando Mayor's Youth Council or the City of Hernando, it will not count towards your service hours.
- 6:52PM- To the left of Mr. Dodson's door, you can sign up for future Hernando Mayor's Youth Council events and get MYC Service Hour Forms. If you need more Service Hour Forms, Grace has them on her at Hernando High School as well.

- 6:53PM- If you participated in the Hernando Water Tower 10K Festival, we have t-shirts for you! Also, a new Hernando Mayor's Youth Council t-shirt will be designed soon. Everyone will have to let one of the officers or Mrs. Gia know what size shirt you wear and we will order them for you. You will not receive your shirt until your first community service event (this does not include the Hernando Christmas Parade).
- 6:55PM- As you may know, Macy-Kate Garner cannot be with us anymore. The chaplain position is now up for grabs. You have to have been an active member of our council last year, with at least 18 community service hours and attended 55% of the meetings. Please note that Mrs. Gia has everyone's information on record and will be checking the sign-up sheet. Remember this is a commitment and you must attend all meetings and try to participate in as many MYC sponsored events as you can!
- 6:57PM- Please be vigilant when signing up for community service events. Know ahead of time if you can volunteer or not! It is not fair if you sign up, do not come without any notice in advance to us officers, and another council member wants to volunteer for that event when you are taking up the spot on the list. We are a leadership organization, filled with role models. In order for our council to run smoothly, communication is key! IF you sign up for an event and do not show up, it will be taken note of. If you absolutely have to cancel, please let Grace, the officers, or Mrs. Gia know in order for us to find a replacement.
- 6:59PM- On Friday, November 3, 2017, Hernando is having a Healthy Hometown Celebration Community Walk with the Mayor. This will be around the Historic Town Square and we will be meeting at the Hernando City Hall. The public is invited and MYC volunteers will get hours, plus the newspaper will take pictures of our healthy Hernando!
- 7:02PM- Meeting adjourned.

