

OUTREACH Proposal to the Vestry- May 20, 2008.

The purpose of the May 5, 2008 Outreach meeting was to allocate \$2,400 for outreach. The money is part of St. Mary's 175th Endowment Fund, created in 1988 for outreach endowment. We distribute \$4,800/year (or \$2,400/twice a year).

We had a very productive meeting and heard a compelling presentation by Tim Green regarding his project to help Katrina victims rebuild their lives (& who has agreed to serve on the outreach committee after this meeting), but left after his presentation last night in order for us to discuss... Tim is in the process of setting up a 501(3)© foundation – “Building Solutions for Katrina Victims”. He collects furniture and household items from individuals and is also creating (has created?) a partnership with a major builder in town, in order to secure perfectly good (sometimes new) thrown out appliances, and other useful items (such as windows, cabinets-etc), which are desperately needed by Katrina victims who are rebuilding their homes and their lives. He needs the money for the logistics of transporting all of these items, which includes storing them here, until they are ready to be transported, transporting them and then storing them in a warehouse, where people who badly need these items can come and “shop”. We allocated \$1,000 to St. Mary's discretionary fund of which **\$800 would go to Tim's Katrina initiative.** (Until the 501(3)© is set up, we need to allocate through the discretionary fund.)

Andrea Gordon, who runs the Miracle Kitchen operation in Framingham, stated that the price of food has risen dramatically and requested more money for Miracle Kitchen. I asked Norman how much money is left in the account and he said there is still \$893.66. ... so we agreed on **\$600, to insure that there is enough money in that account.**

We distributed the rest (\$800 so \$200/each) to each of the food pantries in our surrounding communities AND Food Project (which as most of you know's mission statement is-

To create a thoughtful and productive community of youth and adults from diverse backgrounds who work together to build a sustainable food system. This community produces healthy food for residents of the city and suburbs, provides youth leadership opportunities, and inspires and supports others to create change in their own communities.

We chose the Food Pantries to support our surrounding communities BECAUSE of the the rising costs of food creating a compelling need and we feel it is important to support our neighbors.

We hope that the vestry will vote on these recommendations. If you have any questions, I'd be happy to answer them.

WE had a fun & productive meeting, Elisabeth Comer, outreach liaison to Vestry