

The monthly meeting of MCEF was held at 7:00 p.m. at the One Stop Shop. There were 19 in attendance representing 18 churches. The meeting was opened by the President, Pat Hubert. Karen Tucker, Treasurer, opened with prayer. The agenda was adopted by general consent.

All Souls Episcopal, Rick Morrison
Black Creek Baptist, Debbie Ward
Broadus Baptist, Karen Tucker, **Treasurer**
Cool Spring Baptist, Ann Kennedy
Church of the Redeemer, Ed Soniat
Fairfield Presbyterian, Nancy Gallihugh, **Client Services Director**
Fairmount Christian, Gail Ellis
Fairmount Christian, Marshall Johnson
Gethsemane, Mary Britton, **Vice President**
LDS Chickahominy, Marge Friel
Greater Nazarene Baptist Church, Yolanda Morris
Mechanicsville UMC, Mary Jervey
Messiah Lutheran, Pat Hubert, **President**
New Song, Alan Fearnow
Shady Grove UMC, Susan Jenkins
Shalom Baptist, Linda Wade
Truth Baptist, Wendy Pursel, **Secretary**
Walnut Grove Baptist, Charles Rasnick, **Sr. Rides Coordinator**
Leigh Negvesky, **Clothing Coordinator**

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes of the October meeting were approved as posted. Please check the website for the monthly minutes as they contain good information to report to your church. Be sure to give Wendy Pursel any updated contact information if changes occur.

CLIENT SERVICES REPORT/Phone Reps

Nancy Gallihugh described an opportunity to serve in an “out of the box” situation with a new client, conducting a home visit to meet her needs and to give direction for future help. There are currently 4 phone representatives, and the schedule runs through March 1st. If you are interested in being involved in answering the MCEF phone, please contact Nancy Gallihugh at innalli@comcast.net. Each phone representative has the phone for 2 week intervals. The phone is no longer being used for financial assistance, but is used for basic information only. A notebook of information, training, an answering machine, and WiFi are provided along with the phone. Phone calls just need to be answered by the end of the day.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITY

October was a busy month! There were 44 requests for financial assistance and 26 were helped. So far in November, there are 16 requests with 13 being helped.

Information for requesting financial assistance may be found on the website, and those requesting assistance must send the information requested through email. Those requesting assistance must live in the 23111 or 23116 zip codes. Financial help of up to \$500 is given once every 2 years, if eligible.

TREASURER’S REPORT

October 2024 income/expense accounting:

Income- \$13,643.69

Expenses- \$22,142.27

Acct balance end of the month - \$71,246.30

Acct balance as of 11/7/24 -\$62,646.70

Certificate of Deposit at Edward Jones - \$200,000

There were several additional expenses this month, such as the purchase of a new printer, new fire extinguishers for the OSS, and software. There was a motion to approve the treasurer’s report subject to audit. The vote was favorable.

HANOVER SENIOR RIDES

During the month of October 2024, MCEF gave 157 (one-way) rides in Mechanicsville and ACES provided 2 (one-way) rides in the Ashland, Elmont, and Hanover Courthouse areas. Overall, Hanover Senior Rides provided a total of 159 (one-way) rides for the month of October.

2024 monthly ride totals:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
MCEF-	133	154	131	138	176	136	134	145	109	157		
ACES -	<u>32</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>2</u>		
Total -	165	188	157	166	214	186	168	163	135	159		

MCEF currently has 92 active riders. We currently have 31 volunteers including Operations Manager, Aimee West, 4 Ride Coordinators and 26 volunteer drivers. One of our drivers is continuing to recover from serious health issues and needs our prayers. Also, one of our former volunteer drivers (Andy Corell) and one of our current riders (Shirley Southern) passed away in October. We ask for prayers for these families.

Note: GRTC Link service is now serving Ashland and may be taking rides that ACES would otherwise provide.

ONE STOP SHOP (OSS) ACTIVITY FOR October

Total sign ins –172 (representing 497 persons in household)

Total new clients – 11

Total # bags of food given out – 226

Total # bags for second helping –33

Total # Thanksgiving bags - 54

Total bags of clothing given out – 68

Total bags of linens given out – 14

**DONATIONS OF FOOD AND CLOTHING ARE ACCEPTED
THE 1ST AND 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 2-3:30.**

FOOD PANTRY/VOLUNTEER

We began giving out Thanksgiving bags on Oct. 21st and will continue until Thanksgiving.

Thanks to all the wonderful recent donations (over 10,000 lbs of food), we will also be able to give out Christmas bags beginning Dec. 1st.

Volunteer applications are accepted anytime. Please see the updated volunteer application on the MCEF website. Download, fill out and submit to MCEF by mail or in person. Once your application has been processed and accepted, you will be sent a link by email to SignUp Genius in order to sign up for available volunteer dates/times.

Current Needs For The Food Pantry

Canned Meats

Hearty Soups (not cream or condensed)

Jelly/Jam

CLOTHES CLOSET (and linens)

Thank you for all of the clothing donations that are coming in!

Please be reminded that we do not accept clothing that is stained, dirty, torn, out of date, or with slogans/advertising.

Current Needs For the Clothes/Linens Closets

Warm Blankets

Coats

Towels, Sheets (sizes full, queen, and especially king)

BACKPACK MINISTRY

Alan Fearnow thanked the supporting churches for their faithful giving to this ministry.

Currently, 110 backpacks are sent home each weekend, from 5 Eastern corridor elementary schools and 1 middle school. Each backpack is filled with the equivalent of 6 meals.

Donations for this ministry may be dropped off at the MCEF One Stop Shop.

Current Needs for Backpacks

Individual serving sizes with pop tops or easy lids, microwaveable:

(fruit cups, mac and cheese, canned pasta (such as Chef Boyardee).

small soup (chicken noodle or tomato), Ramen noodle cups, cereal bars, cereal)

FUND RAISING

- NASCAR - although this has been cut back to 1 race per year, Pat is looking into other opportunities for Ambassadors to serve.
- Kroger - Last quarter, we received \$140.80. Connect your Kroger Plus Shopping card to MCEF #GD661 on your Kroger profile.
- The 9/11 Benefit Concert will be held again next year, with a commitment from the Hanover High string orchestra to perform at Walnut Grove Baptist Church.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Two gravesites at Signal Hill have been donated to MCEF - they are available upon request.
- MCEF began in November of 1976, and will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2026! Please see Mary Britton if you are interested in helping to plan this celebration.

NEW BUSINESS

- The 2025 Proposed Budget was reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed budget, and it was accepted by general consent.

ANNOUNCES/EVENTS

- First Thursday of each month, 10-12, Hymn Sing and luncheon at Hillcrest Baptist
- Nov. 17, 3-5, Kidsgiving with children's crafts/activities, Black Creek Baptist
- Nov. 28, 2-4, Thanksgiving Dinner served for those in need (RSVP), Walnut Grove Baptist
- Nov. 28, Moments of Hope (Chamberlayne location), Sign Up Genius for donating and volunteering for serving Thanksgiving Dinner
- Dec. 6-8, No Room at the Inn, Church of the Redeemer
- Dec. 7, 2-4, Free Photo with Santa, Church of the Latter Day Saints, Atlee Rd.
- Dec. 11, 6:30, Bday Party for Jesus with children's toy donations, Black Creek Baptist

The group shared any prayer concerns followed by the Lord's Prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Please remember that the MCEF meetings are the second Monday of the month , unless otherwise notified. (put it on your calendar)

Next Meeting - Dec. 9, 2024 at the One Stop Shop – 7:00 p.m.

Wendy Pursel, Secretary