

GEPC Outreach Team (OT)

Minutes from Tuesday, 19 August 2025

Present: Debbie Failing, Joyce Grady, Mark Lancaster, Josh Lee, David Lefebvre, Judy Lefebvre, and Mark Johnson

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Meeting was called to order by Mark J. at 5:02pm, and then Mark led with an opening prayer. The minutes from our last meeting (7/15/2025) were reviewed and approved.

(1) We discussed the upcoming "Ministry Fair" (Sun, 12 Oct). Eleos and CUM have agreed to participate. It will be held during the Sunday School hour. Tables will be set up in a U-shape around the periphery of the downstairs Ministry Center. We are not sure exactly how many tables OT will have. More to follow.

(2) David said that the next "PLARN" workshop will likely be in the winter, not the Fall 2025 timeframe. The Lefebvre's will be gone for a few weeks in the Fall, and will return to KC in Nov.

(3) Mark L. talked about the "Youth Friends" program at Gashland Elem. School. Several folks have signed up to help this week with Lunchroom duties.

(4) Next, we discussed a possible Soccer Camp in Spring 2026. Josh is very excited about having a Soccer Camp for young kids. More to follow.

(5) Eleos has asked if GEPC would sponsor the "Back-to-school" backpack drive in Summer 2026. More to follow.

(6) We then discussed the "Link." The most recent printed issue of "Link" (8/17/2025) had 1 OT-related item: -- OT Collection Effort = the August Collection Effort is for City Union Mission (CUM). Many thanks to Joyce for coordinating this effort. Future upcoming Collections will be:

Sep Resource Health (RH)

Oct Eleos

Nov Eleos

Dec Hillcrest Hope

Many, many thanks to the Mercy Team for the work they did collecting Books and Backpacks!!

(7) A few months ago, we made it possible for 110 first graders (from Gashland Elem) to visit the zoo. The teachers and kids were very grateful and sent us some very nice Thank-you cards.

(8) Mark & Susan J. recently went to Young Life camp at Clearwater Cove (southern MO, near Branson). They spent time with Michelle Jankovich and Alie Gillespie.

(9) Mark J. then gave a Ministry Update on CarePortal. So far this year (CY-2025) GEPC has helped more than 100 families. There was a recent case where Chris Stackpole went with his children to connect with a young family and set up a table and chair set. Coming up soon is Courtney's quarterly meeting (on

Tuesday 23 September) which is called "CarePortal Active Community (CPAC)." All OT members are welcome to attend the CPAC meeting. It is a great opportunity to interact with others who are involved with CarePortal in Clay and Platte Counties. **[Post-meeting CarePortal Update // (24 Aug) // = David has requested that Courtney's weekly CarePortal emails be forwarded to him, so that he can be aware of the unmet needs in Clay/Platte Counties.]**

(10) Joyce brought up the idea of serving a supper meal at CUM. The Team felt it would be best to consider doing this in the Spring 2026 timeframe. This will also coincide with when the Discipleship Groups are moving into the area of "Outward Ministry."

(11) Joyce asked Judy if she would take over responsibility for being the "OT Chief Champion" for Eleos. Judy said she would like to get a little more training.

(12) At 5:59pm, three OT members got up to leave, so they would not be late to their next meeting. At that point, Mark J. said a closing prayer. Meeting adjourned 6:01pm. Next meeting: Tues, 16 Sept.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Johnson, Interim Chair & Clerk

Note:

(these minutes have been approved by the Outreach Team)