

Operation Christmas Child Gift Collection

Florence Evangelical Church is once again the area collection point for Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind. Florence residents, families, churches and groups can help spread joy to millions of children around the world by filling shoeboxes as Christmas gifts for them.

The gifts can include school supplies, clothing, toothbrushes and toys for children ages two to 14. No liquids, lotions, toothpaste, candy or gum, please.

From the distribution sites, boxes are flown to countries around the world, and then delivered to communities by trucks and even donkeys, camels or canoes.

This year's National Collection Week continues to Monday, Nov. 22.

Florence project coordinators hope to collect at

least 500 shoebox gifts this year at Florence Evangelical Church, 1318 Rhododendron Dr. Collection hours are Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Monday, Nov. 22, from 8 to 10 a.m.

Donations to help with postage are also appreciated. Volunteers will be practicing social distancing, and people are encouraged to wear a mask.

For questions about dropping off shoeboxes, call Florence Evangelical Church at 541-997-2523.

Operation Christmas Child has been an annual project of Samaritan's Purse since 1993. The project has delivered gift-filled shoeboxes to more than 188 million children, in more than 170 countries and territories. For information on how to pack a shoebox, visit www.samaritanspurse.org/occ.

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Mendolia, Armendariz, Wood, Lacouture and Spradling.

Chair Sneddon noted that, based on each director's ranked top three, that Spradling was in fifth place. The board agreed she would be removed from the discussion.

Chair Sneddon then continued to narrow down the list, showing that the top three candidates were Armendariz, Mendolia and Lacouture.

During the discussion, Chair Sneddon asked if any of the directors would like to adjust their rankings. None of the other members did, but Chair Sneddon noted that if he moved Lacouture to the top of his list, that would make him the clear leader in the rank-

ings. He announced that he would, in fact, do that.

This prompted Barnett to make a motion to vote on the candidacy of Lacouture. The board voted 4-1 in favor of Lacouture filling Position 1, with Miltenberger being the only member opposed.

Next, Pimlott made a motion to vote on the candidacy of Armendariz for Position 6. A vote was taken and the board unanimously approved Armendariz's candidacy.

Both candidates will be sworn in at the Dec. 8 meeting of the board.

Look for additional coverage of the meeting in the Wednesday, Nov. 17, edition of the *Siuslaw News*.

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