

## Christian Service and Responsibility Committee Meeting Minutes – May 15, 2018

In Attendance: Greg Berezewski, Dave Callsen, Beckie Hawker, Marian Irmen, Jan Liss, Monica Mutchler, Becky Nash, Kristy Nelson and Maggie Ter Horst. Guest: Peg Berezewski-Stella Maris Finance Council Chair

Jan opened the meeting with members reading a prayer to the Holy Spirit. Thank You notes have been received from Door County Habitat for Humanity, Lakeshore Cap Inc., Door Tran, Neighbor to Neighbor, Northern Door Children's Center, Ephraim Moravian Church Loaves & Fishes and Diocesan Catholic Foundation (\$500 each to Small-Scale Farming and Business Start-ups in Uganda, Salvatorian Mission Warehouse in New Holstein, Friends of Haiti Medical Group, Seminarian support in Guatemala and Piglets, Chicks and/or Cow and Library renovation at Stella Maris in Nigeria. No funds were sent for sewing machines for women in India.) Minutes of the March 13, 2018 meeting were approved as sent. (THANK YOU, Jeanne for "sitting in my chair"!)

Budget – Dave: Our current Budget items and authorized expenses were reviewed. It was decided to make the following changes: decrease Feed My People to \$500, increase Catholic Foundation to \$2500 and Northern Door Children's Center to \$1000. St. Vincent de Paul will now receive \$2000 (see Greg's report), \$500 to Bridges (International Students support group) and \$500 to Matthew 25 thru Northern Door H & W. Our 2017-18 Stella Maris allocation was \$13,750, amount carried over from 2016-17 was \$10,115 and contributions thus far for \$5,055 for a total of \$28,920. After expenditures of \$16,926, our balance on hand is \$11,994. With Committee authorizations and allocations over the remaining two months of our fiscal year, we project a year end balance of \$8614. Peg said that we could tentatively figure our 2.5 percent of the Parish Budget allocation to be \$13,250 for the 2018-19 fiscal year.

St. Vincent de Paul – Greg: Since our March CSR meeting, this Conference has answered 32 calls for help, assisting these clients with \$5560 in disbursements. No contributions have been received. At this rate it is anticipated another \$12,000-14,000 will be needed before the end of December. Disbursements for 2018 so far total \$9759. Their annual Strawberry Fest Fundraiser will be held on Thursday, June 28th from 12:00 Noon until 4:00 PM at our Sister Bay site. Help is needed both on June 27th and 28th. Contact Greg or Sharon Brabson to volunteer.

Care 24/7 Food Pantry – Steve: Nicolet Banks in Egg Harbor and Fish Creek donated products to our pantry. Items from the Letter Carrier Food Drive in Egg Harbor, Baileys Harbor and Fish Creek donated to our pantry have been sorted and stocked by volunteers. According to our Pantry Account Update, we still have \$7000, in spite of products purchased from Main Street Market as donations continue to come in. Check photos on the website. A pantry meeting for volunteers will be scheduled in the next few months.

Conversation Partners – Becky: Three trainer sessions were held over winter. Have 18 partners and are looking for another teacher.

Health & Wellness – Barb: \$1000 grant from the Bader Foundation has been received for another year. Parish Nurse Bonnie Mirkiewicz is holding a Parkinson's support group on the third Monday each month from 12:30 until 2:00 PM.

Loaves & Fishes – Marian: The event went well during winter. About 70 were served last month.

Mission Trips – Jan: Five people went to the Salvatorian Mission Warehouse on March 19th to help re-package items for shipping. A Mission Trip is planned to Golden House in Green Bay on Monday, July 9th. Volunteers will help with house maintenance and preparation for the week-end fundraiser.

On Care of Our Common Home – Wayne: Over winter, worked with Unitarian Universalist Community and Sustain Door to sponsor movies on over use of plastics and the harm deforestation causes to the world and all living creatures, evaluated church-based Climate Change and Environmental initiatives and resources for potential use at Stella Maris and worked with N.E. Technical College’s Learning in Retirement Program to create three classes on environmental issues and threats. Earth Week 2018 Calendar of Events (too numerous to mention here ... see websites <http://climatechangedoorcounty.com> and <http://www.dcec-wi.org>) was third year of an April collaboration initiative to bring local environmental organizations together to produce 33 events in 2018 that provide messages about environmental challenges, solutions and learning activities such as planting trees. In addition, bulletin inserts were provided to Stella Maris and other Northern Door churches, a program was presented to our Parish Women’s group and the Earth Week Door County Facebook page was improved. Future plans include a proposal to Parish to adopt a Green Purchase Policy and additional bulletin inserts.

Respect Life – Monica: Work is progressing on installing 4 plaques in cemeteries. A preview of the “Euthanasia Dilemma” will be shown at 1:30 on Tuesday, June 12th at Baileys Harbor

Leadership Team – Becky: Our new Worship & Music Director, Katrina Welborn from Manitowoc, should be starting about July 1st. Two new Alpha sessions will begin in September, one at noon and one in the evening. Sessions last only 2 hours. Feedback on first Alpha sessions has been good. Plan to re-instate Pastoral Council on July 1st.

Adopt-A-Soldier – Jan: Project co-ordinator Nancy Hutchinson was pleased with the amount we collected but it was less than last year.

Poverty Collaboration – Jan: She and Greg are working on a presentation on all that Stella Maris Parish already does to help the poor. The next meeting will be on June 12th in the evening.

New Business: Wayne Kudick also presented an idea about having clothing vouchers to Bargains Unlimited for St. Vincent de Paul clients. We like this idea and will check into it further.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 17th at 4:30 PM in Sister Bay.

Respectfully submitted,

Beckie Hawker, Secretary