

Christian Service and Responsibility Committee Meeting Minutes - May 19,2020

In Attendance via Conference Call: Greg Berezewski, Dave Callsen, Beckie Hawker, Jan Liss, Jan and Lynn Malchow, Monica Mutchler, Becky Nash, Kristy Nelson and Jeanne Rabel.

Jan opened the meeting with prayer and a reading from Pope Francis in April reflecting on how we are all in the same boat, we must all row together and not rock the boat in this storm. Getting thru this can only be done together. We noted the good things coming from this - more family time, less pollution in c/w stay at home and many working from home, and increased donations to our Food Pantry.

Thank You notes have been received from Habitat for Humanity (for the Baileys Harbor build), We Are Hope, Inc., Sunshine House, Door County Salvation Army, Feed and Clothe My People, Sturgeon Bay Boys and Girls Club, Door County Medical Center Dental Clinic, Lakeshore CAP, Inc., Door Tran, TAPS Good Grief Camp, Door County Meals Cooperative and Door County Emergency Response Fund.

Budget - Dave: The following donations have been disbursed: \$2500 - Door County Emergency Response Fund, \$1500 - St. Vincent de Paul, \$500 - Door County Meals Cooperative and \$500 - Northern Door Children's Center. \$3475 has been received in Parishioner donations thus far this year. Our scheduled donations and allocations have been suspended at this time including the proposed money for Catholic Foundation projects. The following donations were authorized: \$500 each for Scandia, Sturgeon Bay YMCA Lunch program, St. Vincent de Paul and our CARE Food Pantry. Jan will e-mail this year's Budget info to CSR members for consideration for next year's Budget to be discussed at our July meeting.

CARE 24/7 Food Pantry - Jan: \$4025 has been received in donations including \$2000 from Main Street Market's "Tip Jar" (in c/w COVID-19). The Budget has a balance of \$8890. Brett Bicoy from the DC Community Foundation and Amy Kohnle from DC United Way formed the DC Food Pantry Coalition which has a representative from each Door County Food Pantry including Washington Island. The DC Meals Cooperative has been serving about 1000 meals daily but will stop serving on May 29th and that left-over funding will be used for the Pantries which will surely have increased requests now. In spite of road construction, our Pantry is seeing increased use. If needed, the Pantry is prepared to begin stocking shelves twice daily. If you would like to volunteer to stock, please contact Jan. Jan and Lynn sent a letter to Door County businesses and many donations and a good variety for the pantries are being received. Karma and Tapuat have perishables to donate. It was decided to give them to Winnie at the Sister Bay Baptist Pantry as they

can refrigerate and she is there to disburse during the hours the Pantry is open. Tapuat donations will also go to Door of Life Pantry.

Conversation Partners - Becky: Program has been suspended, no training but a few are still working remotely.

Creation Care Mission - Becky: Meetings held every other month are suspended but educational efforts in church bulletins, etc. continue.

Loaves and Fishes - Jan: Meals were scheduled to resume in April but have been cancelled for now.

Mission Trip - Jan: Nothing planned at this time.

Pastoral Council - Becky/Jeanne: The Green Bay Diocese Bishop has asked that, following guidelines, distribution of the Eucharist as well as Masses be resumed if possible by Pentecost, May 31st. Sunday guidelines include a brief liturgy and limit of 7 people in church at a time with a recommendation to watch televised Mass before. Masses on 2 weekdays would have a limit of 8 people at a time. Most important is to remain safe. See the link on the Stella Maris website for more details. Dispensation from attending Sunday Mass continues.

Respect Life - Monica: Bulletin items continue as do monthly meetings via phone conference. They would consider hosting a Human Trafficking seminar if the UU decides not to do.

St. Vincent de Paul - Greg: In March and April, \$2700 was received in donations and 12 people were helped with \$3340 in assistance disbursed. Calls have been down significantly locally and in the Green Bay District Conferences. Reasons may be the closing of many referring agencies, government stimulus checks, increased unemployment benefits and the moratorium on evictions and utility shutoffs. When these end, a considerable increase in requests is expected. All St. Vincent de Paul stores have been closed with an expected loss of \$600,000. The annual Strawberry Fest Fundraiser held in June in Sister Bay has been cancelled.

The Christmas in July Food Pantry Collection is on hold. The Human Trafficking Workshop is on hold and will be discussed at our July meeting as well as the Voter Registration Assistance. Thru the Compassion Care arm of the Fire Department Non-emergency Helpline, DC Fire Chiefs called churches and asked for volunteers to sew face masks, do non-contact deliveries, make phone calls and write notes to Scandia residents.

Habitat for Humanity - Jan: Ground is scheduled to be broken in Baileys Harbor on Logerquist Road near Kangaroo Lake on June 1st. They are

looking for volunteers to help build on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well as volunteers to provide snacks and meals. Watch the church bulletin for more info.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 21st, at 6:00 PM in Sister Bay ... hopefully!

Respectfully submitted,

Beckie Hawker, Secretary