

Christian Service and Responsibility Meeting Minutes - July 15, 2025

In Attendance: Dave Callsen, Pat Glen, Beckie Hawker, Jan Liss, Elaine Mulligan, Becky Nash, Tom O'Grady, Jeanne Rabel and Dixie Von Vorous.

Jan opened the meeting with members reading the "Prayer for Disciples". A Thank You letter was received from the Boys and Girls Club of the Bay and Lakes Region.

CARE 24/7 Food Pantry - Dave: \$3864 was received in donations, including parishioner Joyce Charney's Memorial Fund bequest, and \$4314 was spent on supplies leaving a Budget Balance of \$8581. Need seems to be growing but food donations are not.

CSR Project - Pat: Pat delivered clothing and personal hygiene items collected at our Parish church sites in May to the Boys and Girls Club in Sturgeon Bay. This year's collection was double that of last year.

Loaves & Fishes - Pat: In June 56 meals were served along with 8 carry-out meals; in July 26 meals were served with 6 carry outs. There is a good number of volunteers for the meals. Margaret Connar from SAIL will speak at the August meal.

Respect Life - Shirley/Jan/Beckie: Shirley reported that they plan to again start projects at Serenity Spring (former Scandia). Beckie is still working on getting the "Born and Unborn" plaque moved at the St Mary of the Lake Cemetery site. Julie continues writing articles for the church bulletin.

Prayer Shawls - Dixie: Thirty-one prayer shawls have been delivered. They are now working on hats for the Door County Christ Child Society. They plan a display at the FAMily Event in Sister Bay.

St Vincent de Paul - Elaine: Last year \$54,000 was spent helping 150 households. The new SVdP Lighthouse District is Algoma, St Joseph's in Sturgeon Bay and Stella Maris. The Stella Maris group enjoys a good working relationship with the St Joseph's group who covers for the Stella Maris group during the off season as needed. The annual SVdP Walk Fundraiser is scheduled for September 13th this year. Elaine also reported that several people contacted them after talks at Masses last weekend.

Parish Council/Parish Priorities - Jan: Kathy Wolff talked about the shortage of sacristans at Parish sites. Faith Formation families walked in the Ellison Bay Parade. In connection with our 20th Anniversary celebration on September 28th, RSVP cards will be sent to parishioners for the catered meal numbers. Parish Directory photos will be taken July 28th thru August 9th at our Baileys Harbor site. Parish members are strongly encouraged to sign up so that the quota can be reached for printing directories. CSR members will host the FAMily Event on August 24th after the 10:00 Mass in Sister Bay. Jan and CSR members attended the Pastoral Council meeting in June in connection with our hope for an increase for our 2025-26 CSR Budget from the major decrease to \$3000. After over an hour discussion, the ongoing matter will now be addressed at the Finance Council Meeting on July 30th which Jan and other CSR members plan to attend.

Budget - Dave: A total of \$4585 was received in donations this fiscal year. All approved allocations and expenses, including the \$1085 surplus to our Food Pantry have been distributed and our Budget has a \$0 Balance. Allocations for our 2025-26 Budget have been put on hold, pending hopeful increase at the Finance Council Meeting and will be addressed at our September Meeting.

Habitat for Humanity - Jan: CSR members are providing meals for the 8 to 12 people crews on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you can help with desserts for Habitat for Humanity or Loaves and Fishes meals, contact Jan.

Jail Ministry - Jan: Several have expressed interest in this Ministry.

Foreign Worker Ministry - Tom: The Bridges now works with J1 College students. Tom spoke on reaching out to others not in that group, possibly posters publicizing our church services. This will be checked into further and acted on next spring if warranted.

Boxes of Joy - Jan: We will do this project again this Fall. More info to follow.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 16 at 4:00 PM in Sister Bay.

Respectfully submitted,

Beckie Hawker, Secretary