

Christian Service and Responsibility Committee Meeting Minutes – July 17, 2018

In Attendance: Dave Callsen, Beckie Hawker, Marian Irmen, Jan Liss, Monica Munchler, Becky Nash, Kristy Nelson and Jeanne Rabel. Guests: Pat Glenn (for Wayne Kudick) and Tom Polacek-Stella Maris Endowment Committee.

Jan opened our meeting with prayer and a reading from the Alpha Program, followed by discussion. The next Alpha Programs are scheduled to begin with Thursday evening sessions on September 13th in Sister Bay and Wednesday noon sessions to begin on September 19th in Egg Harbor.

Thank You notes have been received from HELP of Door County, Missionary Fraternity of Mary seminarians in Guatemala, Door County YMCA (for Summer Food Program) and Altrusa (for Back To School Program). Minutes of the May 15, 2018 Meeting were approved as sent.

Tom Polacek then explained the grassroots initiative for the Stella Maris Endowment Fund began in September of 2017 to ensure a Catholic Church presence in Northern Door County for the future. Funds would be managed by the Catholic Foundation of the Green Bay Diocese. The Parish will hear more on this soon.

Budget – Dave: Almost \$6000 was received in donations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. With our CSR allocation from the Parish for \$13,250 and our carry-over of \$6778 from the 2017-18 year, we have a Budget of \$20,028 for 2018-19 before any personal donations during the year. Items for our 2018-19 Budget were reviewed; some amounts were changed, some organizations were removed and some are being researched further. \$200 was approved to build a "Little Lending Library" for the Sister Bay site. The Prayer Shawl Ministry funding was increased to \$250. (During the past year, 38 shawls/lapghans, several baby blankets for the Christ Child Society and 15 scarves for Parish high school graduates have been made and delivered). Per Wayne Kudick's suggestion, the CSR Committee approved the purchase by Kristy Nelson of \$100 (5-\$20) in gift vouchers from Bargains Unlimited and \$100 in gift vouchers from a Sturgeon Bay organization to be given to Elaine Mulligan or Monica Munchler for use by St. Vincent de Paul clients.

Care 24/7 Food Pantry – Steve: The Post Office Letter Carrier Drive donations carried us into July so that supply lasted about six weeks. Depending on schedules, a Pantry volunteers meeting will be held in August. A young married couple who live here year round stopped while Steve was stocking the shelves and said how grateful they were for the Pantry.

Conversation Partners – Becky: There are no clients waiting for a partner/teacher.

Health & Wellness – Barb: A grant was received again for our Parish Nurse.

Loaves & Fishes – Marian: About 65/70 people were served at the last meal.

Mission Trip – Jan: Four people volunteered for the trip on July 9th to the Golden House, a domestic abuse shelter, in Green Bay. The majority of time was spent helping prepare for their fundraiser, a "Rib Cook-Off" at the Brown County Fair.

On Care of Our Common Home – Pat (for Wayne): 2018-19 Goals - Working with the Stella Maris Finance Council at their July meeting, to pass a "Green Purchase" policy for Stella Maris Parish. To hold a Green Purchase Workshop and a Fall Workshop on Ecumenical Earth Care. To continue Parish bulletin inserts. A Green Mass will be held on October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis. In conjunction with the Door County Libraries and local Green Organizations, to provide a Parish and/or Interfaith Green Movies series, such as "An Inconvenient Sequel" and "Plastic Paradise, Great Pacific Garbage Patch". To work with organizers of Door County Earth Week(s).

Pastoral Council – Jan: The Leadership Committee will cease and the Pastoral Council will begin meeting again in August. Jeanne has agreed to be the Living Justice/CSR representative on the Council.

Poverty Collaboration – Jan: Meetings are being held monthly on affordable housing. Conferences will be held in August in Egg Harbor and Green Bay.

Respect Life – Monica: Pictures of the "Memorial to the Born and Unborn" plaques have been placed in the Photo Gallery on the Parish website by Linda Cummer. Monica contacted the Pro-Life League to place our memorial sites on their website. The film "Fatal Flaws" will be shown at the August 14th meeting.

St. Vincent de Paul – Elaine: Since our May CSR meeting, 45 calls have been received and \$4500 dispersed for clients, mostly in Sturgeon Bay. The final numbers on the June Strawberry Fest fundraiser are not in yet.

New Business: Marian wondered if we could make 4:30 PM our permanent meeting time all year round. All members present agreed to that time.

Respectfully submitted,

Beckie Hawker, Secretary