

Christian Service and Responsibility Committee Meeting Minutes – September 16, 2014

In Attendance: Dave Callsen, Beckie Hawker, Jan Liss, Monica Mutchler, Becky Nash, Kristy Nelson, Jeanne Rabel and Bill Wolff

Jan opened the meeting with reading Pope Francis's "Ten Tips on Happiness" and prayer. Minutes of the July 15, 2014 Meeting were approved as sent. Thank You letters have been received from Missionhurst for our donation to Fr. John's food program in the Philippines, from the Fraternity of Mary Mission for their poultry project at the Guatamalan seminary, from Su Casa House in Chicago and two letters from Golden House in Green Bay in connection with our recent Mission Trips.

Budget – Bill: Recent Budget expenditures include H & W Committee purchases and ads for our Parish Community Nurse. Because St. Vincent de Paul has not requested any funding for individual needs from the CSR Committee, it was agreed that we will pay \$500 each year for the strawberries used at their Strawberry Festival Fundraiser. In light of Community Clinic services which contradict Catholic Church teachings, we sadly decided not to fund the organization and will try to find another clinic which we can support that meets the needs of uninsured/poorly insured Northern Door people with health issues. A letter will be sent to Community Clinic explaining our decision.

St. Vincent de Paul – Elaine: No calls or home visits have been made since July meeting. Two representatives from Green Bay attended the August 14th meeting and shared a DVD about St. Vincent de Paul, it's founder Frederick Ozanum and ideas on recruiting new members. Three new members attended the August meeting. Thank You to the Stella Maris/CSR Committee for paying for the strawberries for our fundraiser. We plan to attend Mass together on our next meeting date, September 25th, in observance of the Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul.

Health & Wellness – Becky: An applicant for the position of Parish Community Nurse has been accepted and, after the background check has been completed, she will start soon.

Loaves and Fishes – Bill: Ninety seven people were served at the August meal and all continues to go well.

Respect for Life – Monica: New member/Respect for Life rep reported speaker Cate Zeuske Gard will give a presentation on the harmful aspects of the Health Care Act pertaining to health and life issues on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at the Sturgeon Bay

Library. The event is sponsored by Wisconsin Right To Life. October 5th is Respect Life Sunday. 40 Days for Life is from September 24th to November 2nd this year.

Pastoral Council – Jeanne: Parish Committee members are encouraged to attend a Day of Prayer at St. Norbert Abbey in Green Bay on Monday, September 22nd. The possibility/necessity of adding another page to the Parish bulletin is being discussed. Our CSR Committee is one of four Commissions under the Parish Council. Prayer Shawl, Health & Wellness, St. Vincent de Paul and Right To Life are under our Commission.

Northern Door Faith Builds/Habitat for Humanity – Jan: Stella Maris was the only church represented on Ecumenical Build Day. Six members helped on the Stella Maris Work Day. Members also helped with meals and snacks on a number of occasions. The home is completed and there is a need for 4 to 6 people to go and do last minute clean-up before the family moves in. Jan will send an e-mail with further info.

Operation Christmas Child – Kristy: Our collection of Shoe Boxes will be done in October. Green bins will be placed at each church site along with posters and brochures. Announcements will be made in the bulletin and from the pulpit. Faith Formation Chair Linda Cummer agreed to have 9th Grade youth pack the boxes in late October. Boxes will be blessed by Father Ruby and Kristy will take them to the Baptist Church in Sturgeon Bay.

Mission Trips – Jan: Seven Parish members traveled to Green Bay in August and worked at St. Paul's Food Pantry in the morning and at Golden House, a domestic abuse home, in the afternoon. There were 15 women and 26 children living at the House at the time. We plan to go to Su Casa in Chicago to work again from April 28th to May 1st, 2015.

Back Pack Buddy Program – Jan: This program sends food home for the weekend for students in kindergarten thru 3rd grade who are eligible for free or reduced meals at school. Currently bags are provided at two Sturgeon Bay schools and Sevastopol. We are aware that nearly 22 percent of those attending Gibraltar School fall into this category and Jan will check to see if the program could be extended there with our help.

Stewardship – Becky: What Is Stewardship? More than money, it is a sharing of time, talents and gifts in service as well as prayer. We will do a CSR pamphlet to be available at our Parish Stewardship weekend, November 7th & 8th.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 18th at 6:00 PM in Sister Bay.

Respectfully submitted,

Beckie Hawker, Secretary