

Christian Service and Responsibility Committee Meeting Minutes - September 17, 2019

In Attendance: Greg Berezewski, Dave Callsen, Fr. Tom Farrell, Pat Glenn, Beckie Hawker, Jan Liss, Becky Nash, Kristy Nelson, Jeanne Rabel and Maggie Ter Horst. New member: Tom O'Grady. Guest: Shirley Raasch (for Monica Munchler).

Jan opened the meeting with prayer and a refresher on our Five Parish Virtues (Welcoming, Breaking the Silence, Joy, Prayer and Accepting the Holy Spirit). After reading Mark 7:24-30 and briefly discussing, we all introduced ourselves to Fr. Farrell. Jan invited everyone and their spouse to the Parish Appreciation Open House on Wednesday, October 2nd from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at St. Rosalia in Sister Bay. A personal Thank You note was received for our donation to the Northern Door YMCA Summer Food Program.

Budget - Dave: Correction to Budget report in CSR July 16, 2019 Minutes - \$4515, not \$4564 was carried over from the 2018-19 Budget and added to the \$13,500 Parish Allocation for 2019-20. Our Annual Organizations Allocation Distribution has been scheduled and totals \$18,000. Additional Committee Authorized Expenses total \$2410 if used. As in previous years, we are hoping for contributions from parishioners throughout the year of \$5000. Jan will check with Coventry Care regarding their need before our January funds disbursement to them.

Care 24/7 Food Pantry - Jan: The Pantry Budget had a balance of \$10,138 at the end of June. After \$850 received in donations and \$1284 spent on food and supplies, the Budget balance is now \$9704. All is going well there.

Conversation Partners - Becky: An ESL teacher from the YMCA met with new teachers today. Stella Maris took over the program about 2 years ago. Currently have 15 teachers and 17 learning partners.

Loaves and Fishes - Pat: Leader Kay Wilson has announced this is her last year and they are looking for an individual or group to take over. The next meal is on September 24th at St. Rosalia's. Attendance numbers are varying.

Mission Trip - Jan: Instead of driving to Green Bay, Jan checked with Habitat for Humanity in Sturgeon Bay to see if they could use our help. A number of volunteers signed up. The evening before they were scheduled to help, Jan received a call that no more than 2 people were needed. One person ended up going. Jan is going to check with St. John's Homeless Shelter in Green Bay to see if they could use our help,

possibly in early November.

Health & Wellness - Jan: The CSR H & W Committee has disbanded but members will continue to work with the Northern Door Health and Wellness Committee on programs and the Matthew 25 project.

On Care of Our Common Home - Pat and Tom: This committee will be known as Creation Care Mission from now on. A service will be held at Stella Maris on Friday, Oct. 4th, the Feast Day of St. Francis, including the Blessing of the Animals. Our Bishop and Stella Maris Parish have both signed the St. Francis Pledge to honor God's creation and serve the poor by praying, learning and educating, assessing our actions, acting and advocating for climate change discussions and decisions, especially as they impact the poor and vulnerable. Stella Maris Parish is now using the "green policy". The committee is always looking for ideas on what we can do. Meetings will be held Oct. 17th and Nov. 14th; after that will be held the 1st Thursday of each month after the 8:00 Mass in Sister Bay.

Pastoral Council - Jean: Council met this morning; next meeting is Oct. 15th. Discussed our Five Parish Values and finding practical ways to implement them within the Parish.

Interfaith Prosperity Coalition - Jan: The video "A Place of Our Own - the challenge of "home" in Door County" on affordable housing continues to be promoted. A Housing Trust has been established in Sturgeon Bay, then hopefully in Sister Bay.

Respect Life - Shirley for Monica: Continue seeking to "break the silence" on a wide range of subjects through prayer, bulletin articles, films, memorials to the unborn and other actions. Currently Stella Maris, through St. Mary of the Lake Sodality, hosts the November birthdays celebration at Scandia Village. As in prayer recited at each meeting to "bring comfort to chronically ill and treat aging with dignity and respect", talking with new activities director at Scandia into expanding our presence with all-faith personal visits, bringing items like magazines, socks, cookies and conversation.

St. Vincent de Paul - Greg: Since the last meeting, 36 calls for help have been answered and \$5003 has been disbursed to those in need. \$2566 has been received in donations. The annual Conference picnic was held on Aug. 22nd at Welcker's Point in Peninsula Park. Six members went to help at the St. VdeP Eastside Store. They will celebrate the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul on Sept. 27th with Mass at Baileys Harbor and breakfast after. Fr. Farrell will lead them in a Recommitment Ceremony at the 9:30 Mass in Sister Bay on Sept. 29th.

Boxes of Joy - Kristy: This is the 5th year we have done boxes, the 2nd year through Cross Catholic. Project will begin on Sunday, Sept. 29th and end on Oct. 27th with Fr. blessing the boxes at the 10:00 Mass in Sister Bay. Mass announcements and the bulletin will inform parishioners of the project. CSR members volunteered to monitor collection totes at each site.

Toys for Tots - Kristy and Jan: This collection will be held in November, followed by the Advent Pantry Food Collection in December. More info to follow.

Fall Festival Parking Lot Collection - Jan: Because of liability, the Finance Council decided against this collection. Greg may check to see if St. VdeP is able to get an insurance rider so they could do.

Bulletin Space Available - Jan: With H & W Committee disbanding, we will have more space in the church bulletin after January 1st. Let Jan know if another CSR Committee would like to use.

Fr. Tom then commented how glad he was to see so many members involved and reaching out to others. He also is happy to see the numbers attending Masses.

The meeting closed with prayer. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19th at 4:30 PM (earlier time) at Sister Bay.

Respectfully submitted,

Beckie Hawker, Secretary