

Christian Service and Responsibility Committee Meeting Minutes -September 19, 2023

In Attendance: Dave Callsen, Beckie Hawker, Jan Liss, Becky Nash, Kristy Nelson, Tom O'Grady and Jeanne Rabel.

Jan opened the meeting with prayer and reading of Mother Teresa's "Do It Anyway" poem found on the wall in a children's home in Calcutta. A Thank You was received from the Friends of Haiti Inc. In addition to helping support 2 schools in Thomazeau with education so important, this organization also provides dental services to two mountain villages, workers to keep clean water systems working, a goat project and a nursery that grows food-producing trees which are then distributed.

Budget - Dave: Allocations from the 2022-23 year were reviewed and the 2023-24 list was discussed. After lengthy discussion, before the CSR Committee can finalize our 2023-24 Budget, we must clarify with the Stella Maris Office whether our annual Budget consists of 2% of the Parish anticipated income AND any donations during the year specifically earmarked for CSR Committee. Donations for Feed My People's Back Pack Buddies, Scandia and Northern Door YMCA Literacy Program were removed from our donation list and the Bridges donation reduced to \$500. Contributions for Catholic Relief Services and United Way of Door County will be done at the end of our fiscal year.

CARE 24/7 Pantry - Dave: Since our last meeting \$2165 was received in donations and \$1885 was spent on supplies, leaving a balance of \$15,232.

Loaves and Fishes - Tom: While attendance seems to be down, there are enough volunteer workers.

Conversation Partners - Becky: Another teacher has volunteered so is available for new clients.

Parish Mission Planning/Entrust - Jan: Another Entrust training will be held in the future. Entrust alumni meet quarterly with 15-20 people attending. The next alumni meeting is scheduled for 1:00 PM on Tuesday, October 17th in Sister Bay.

Respect Life - Beckie: Julie Kiehnau is submitting articles for the church bulletin but Committee is still on hiatus.

St Vincent de Paul - Jan (via Elaine Mulligan): Twenty-six calls have been received since our last meeting. Their Friends of the Poor Walk will be held on Saturday, September 23rd from 9:00 to 10:00 AM at the Stella Maris - Sister Bay parking lot.

FAMily Event - Jan: Volunteers are needed to serve at the Jacksonport site on Sunday, October 22nd.

Boxes of Joy - Kristy: This project will run from September 24th thru October 29th with Father blessing the collected boxes on Sunday, November 5th before they are sent out. CSR members volunteered to place empty boxes at each church site and monitor the collection. Our Toys for Kids project for Door County children will be held in November.

Jan is looking for a possible collection of material items for a local or Green Bay organization like St John's Shelter.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14th at 4:00 PM in Sister Bay.

Respectfully submitted,

Beckie Hawker, Secretary