

Christian Services Meeting Notes
January 14, 2018
St. John the Baptist, Seymour

Location: School Building
Time: 11:15am

Opening Prayer – Jill

Mission Statement

As stewards of our Christian faith, we gratefully receive gifts from God, to cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

Members Present: Jill Ullmer, Andy Huettl, Lisa Leisgang, Jerry and Peg Saindon
Guest: Sarah Burton

Health & Wellness

Guest – Sarah Burton; RN for 14 years and getting her nurse practitioner degree in 2019. Talked about ideas to enhance health and wellness initiatives and have her more involved in the committee.

CPR and AED – Sarah to do a checklist and keep it up to date as a monthly fixed schedule effective immediately. She will contact a couple of nurses in the parish to have a backup system for the process. The committee agreed that Sarah will run with this task.

Blood Pressure Screening/Donut Socials – Diabetics don't want to go to a donut social because of sugar. Childhood obesity is an issue. Those who are in their late 20's and early 40's tend to not go to the doctor, so getting more of our parish involved to get blood pressure checked can be a great free service we offer them.

Sarah suggested that along with blood pressure screening there is counseling with it to help the parish member know what to do if their blood pressure is high. She recommended we promote late teens and up receive blood pressure screening – the committee agreed on the direction

There was discussion about having different food available – not just donuts. We could also have a featured food/fruit/veggie every month. Informational handouts on how to keep blood pressure low, decrease chances of diabetes, etc...

The committee agreed to change the name from "Donut Social" to something more encompassing such as "Sunday Social"

February 4th is the next social. It's always the first Sunday of the month. Sarah is going to reach out to Mary Kemp and find out more about who handles the food ordered and see how she can be involved or possibly take the lead.

Other ideas for Health & Wellness: walks, yoga, water exercises at the aquatic center...

Sarah's contact information:
Burtos21@uwosh.edu
920.621.5387 (cell)

St. Vincent de Paul – Mike Blohm

No update

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Food Collection – no update

Advent Giving Tree – no update

Holy Week Charity – no update

Mother and Unborn Baby Care - Jerry and Peg Saindon

Bowl for Life is February 3rd and we will start collecting pledges after mass next week. This is a fundraiser for Mother and Unborn Baby Care.

Womankind – no update

Diaper Depot – no update

Respect for Life – Jerry and Peg Saindon

Rose sale coming up Mother's Day

Homeless Shelter Meal – Lisa Leisgang

Next meals are May 5th and October 6th

Operation Rice Bowl – Lisa Leisgang

No update

BeFriender Ministry – Jim Wurl

No update

Knights of Columbus – Jerry Saindon

No update

Human Trafficking – Andy Huettl

No update

Elizabeth Ministries – Jill Ullmer

No update

The committee agreed to change the mission statement to read as follows moving forward:

As stewards of our Catholic faith, the Christian Services Committee puts the Corporal Works of Mercy into our action in our community: feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned, bury the dead and give alms to the poor.

The committee also put together a list of all areas that fall under Christian Services and categorized them as to which Corporal Works of Mercy they fall under. Doing so will help keep us focused on our mission and prevent us from taking on tasks or additional responsibilities that do not align with our mission. The complete list is on the following page...

Christian Services Committee Mission Statement:

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List of what Christian Services handles:

Each item in the list indicates which Corporal Works of Mercy the category falls under. Some are just one, while others are multiple.

St. Vincent de Paul – “Give Alms to the Poor”

Mike Blohm

Helps those in need by offering person-to-person help and services.

Health & Wellness – “Feed the Hungry”

Sarah Burton

Community activities and nutritional tips to nourish our bodies and treat them as the temple God created them to be.

Blood Pressure Screening (“Visit the Sick”)

CPR and AED – “Visit the Sick”)

BeFrienders Ministry – “Visit the Sick”

Jim Wurl, 920.833.7734

Being a listener for anyone under stress or need in the community. There is training available and often times those in need reach out to Jim Wurl and the BeFriender member just listens. If it’s something serious, they would contact Jim or Father Brian and let them know.

Andy Huettl said he is part of this. Andy is going to try to get Jim at the next meeting to explain more.

Andy said he visits those in nursing homes a lot.

Respect Life (1, 2, 3, 4 and 7)

Jerry and Peggy Saindon

Cooperate with the diocese in Respect Life activities for the month of October. Respecting life from conception to natural death (not just abortion, but ALL stages of life).

Rose Sale

Knights of Columbus (1, 2, 3, 4 and 7)

Jerry Saindon

Catholic mens organization and at our parish there are fundraisers (tootsie roll and brat fry) to raise money for seminarians (for the handicapped, pro-life centers, for the Pope, help in areas after natural disasters, etc...

Homeless Shelter Meal (1, 2, 3 and 7)

Lisa Leisgang

Donate and serve food and time to those in need in our community.

Mother and Unborn Baby Care (1, 2, 3 and 7)

Jerry and Peggy

Bowl for Life (1, 2, 3 and 7) (part of Mother and Unborn Baby Care)

Fundraiser for Mother and Unborn Baby Care (to help those with women's reproductive health assistance, along with post-abortion care)

Diaper Depot (diapers and baby supplies for Mother & Unborn Baby Care)

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Food Collection ("Feed the Hungry")

(part of St. Vincent de Paul – donations for Thanksgiving dinner)

Advent Giving Tree ("Give Alms to the Poor")

(part of St. Vincent de Paul)

Rice Bowl (1, 2, 3 and 7)

Lisa Leisgang/Alice Dunbar

Run by Catholic Relief Services – an almsgiving project to feed the hungry

Holy Week Charity ("Give Alms to the Poor")

(part of St. Vincent de Paul)

Human Trafficking/Social Issues (3 and 5)

Andy Huettl

Had one event at the school for awareness and would like to do more.

Elizabeth Ministries (6 and 7)

Jill Ullmer

Provide help and support for families during the childbearing years, as well as proper burial for miscarriages.

Our Kids Ministries (1 and 7)

No St. John's Contact – Sarah Schaumberg at United Methodist Church

Not part of Christian Services

Backpack program providing food for less fortunate children over the weekend)