

J&H Virtual Meeting 04-29-20

Present- Kay Schumacher, Father Bob Kabat, Mark Schumacher, Sara Cross, Rachel Westenberg, Mike Westenberg, Jackie Thiry

Thank you to Mike for setting up the zoom meeting. It was good to connect during this social distancing time.

Father Bob led us in prayer to start the meeting.

The main purpose of the meeting was to make a recommendation to the parish council for the disbursement of the Outreach Endowment fund. As you may recall, the Endowment fund was setup as part of Project Matthew with this testimony: "St. Matthew's is a parish committed to service and to the belief that all are welcome at the table of the Lord. As we strengthen our worship environment, we will strengthen our commitment to service to others. An endowment will help us support people, projects and organizations that have needs on local, national and global levels. Our Church and parish are called to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to give a drink to the thirsty, to shelter the homeless, to tend the sick, to visit those in prison and to bury the dead."

Outreach Endowment- There were seven requests for funds from St. Matthew Endowment fund. \$6453 is available for distribution. After discussion, it was decided to add the last four organizations on the list because of the impact of coronavirus. Money was allotted based on need and other resources available to the organization. Father Bob will present the following recommendations to the Parish Council.

Getting Ahead Workshop	\$750	It will help fund the cost of workshops for people experiencing poverty, providing an opportunity to improve their lives.
Unity	\$250	Funds will go to offset costs associated with a Generations grief support group for families with children between age 6-18.
Hands and Hearts with Haiti	\$1000	Funds will be used for micro loan program, a young girl's empowerment program, working with Caritas and international charity, etc.
Love Life Ministry	\$500	Funds will be used for diapers and other baby needs for low income families in the greater Green Bay area.
St. Anthony Parish Neopit	\$800	Replace broken printer, roof repairs, electricity & heating bills. St. Anthony in Neopit is the most impoverished parish in our Diocese.
SVDP St. Matthew Conference	\$850	Funds will be used for assistance for those facing a financial crisis. Available funds have decreased because SVDP store has been closed due to the pandemic.
Corner Coin Laundry	\$500	Funds will be used to provide increased free laundry service at two Green Bay locations for those who cannot afford to do

laundry.

We All Rise	\$400	Funds will go toward ministering to the influx of people not able to use other agencies who are closed due to the coronavirus crisis.
Transformation House	\$400	There are currently 46 residents who are unable to work because of the virus. The funds will help provide essentials such as food as well as help their struggling families.
Casa Alba	\$400	The Spanish community has been hit hard by the virus. Many are not eligible for many of the normal safety net programs or federal stimulus help. This will provide some emergency funds.
St. John Homeless Shelter	\$400	The shelter is running two locations for at least a month more than budgeted. Funds will go toward daily expenses.

Justice Herald- Jackie proposed the next Justice Herald should focus on Caring for God's Creation since this is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth day and 5-year anniversary of Laudato Si. Proposal was to focus on what is happening in our Green Bay area. Potential articles could be from the Green Bay Sustainability Commission, Joshua Environmental Task Force, Green Bay School Board 100% Clean Energy Resolution, Aldo Leopold School environmental programs, the Farmory mission / vision, and Sisters of St. Francis sustainability practices. Father Bob indicated it would be difficult to hand out any paper copies until this Fall because of coronavirus safe practices. Mike suggested we could ask people to do a 5-minute video that could be posted to Facebook, approximately a week apart. Mark agreed to contact the Farmory and Jackie will connect with the rest. Videos would be sent to Mike. Target date to complete is 5/31.

Why are we doing this?

- Acknowledge and celebrate Earth day and Laudato Si anniversaries.
- Promote awareness and appreciation for the earth's environment and sustainable living.
- Educate the community on what is happening locally to Care for God's Creation.
- Become more conscious of energy efficiency and began to realize that energy conservation and preservation are required behavior patterns for the sustainability of the environment.