

**ST PERPETUA OUTREACH COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**December 5, 2017**

**Members Present:** Joan Liston, Marielle Narkiewicz (Secretary), Sandi Gritzer, Virginia LaFaille, Pat Snyder (Chairperson), Mary Terjeson, Ann Porcella

**Welcome and Opening Prayer:** Pat welcomed everyone and handed out a prayer for the evening.

**Speaker: Guest speaker: No Speaker Today**

**Future Speakers:**

- Ann P will have We Care for February or March
- Mary T will have Loaves & Fishes later in the year

**Correspondence and Agency Updates: Pat / All**

1. We got a letter from St Vincent DePaul asking for donations; should we give more than we already have? Discussion led to keep our focus on specific agencies of SVDP such as the Food Pantry and address those as they arise, but not to give to the overall parent agency.
2. Putnam Clubhouse – we need to decide if we will keep them on permanently or just donate when we can. One thing to think about is that if we add a new organization should we remove one that we are currently supporting?
  - a. Decision – we will add them into our current list of organizations and if the funding does get minimized in the future then we can make that decision of removing them or another organization later.
3. ANKA Report – Project Hope is an outreach effort as a subset of the larger ANKA Behavioral Health. They are a small outreach program here in Contra Costa and they go into the encampments and try to help those that need it, connecting them to services. They are located in a shelter in Antioch with 20 beds for those with mental health issues that need it for up to 90 days. The county has given them a grant to pay the staff (they only have two employees). And our money goes to support the activities for the staff, providing such items as blankets and food. ANKA is also raising funds to update the facility they are currently working out of.
4. Trinity Center – They were approved for a transition center in Walnut Creek, but many people signing a petition that live in condo's nearby appealed this. The City Council hearing, especially for parish members who are residents of Walnut Creek will be held December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Can the committee do anything to help? Individually we can all write letters to the mayor of Walnut Creek to show

our support of Trinity Center. Another idea would be to add the letter into the Timely Perpetuan and ask for support on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Joan will write something up and we will send this to Christoph to submit.

### **Financial Report & Fund Distribution: Mary T / All**

Fifth Sundays: 12/31

This month we have \$4,227 for our balance. We will donate \$1,000 to Winter Nights (from Thanksgiving donations) and \$500 to Youth Homes, which we could not donate last month. That being said we agreed to donate \$2,500, \$500 each to the following organizations, leaving \$227 in the coffers. December is also a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday collection. Note: Not included in the November balance was the EFT deposit on Dec 4 for over \$900, which leaves funds available if need arises during the month.

Distribution:

1. Food Pantry
2. Foster Family Network
3. Friendly Manor/St Mary's Center
4. Hope Conference
5. Loaves & Fishes

Next year will have less 'fifth Sundays' and should keep that in mind for donations (April, July, September and December). We may want to include this in future bulletin announcements.

### **Food Basket: Virginia**

- November – 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> collection had 45 bags of Masa Harina, sugar, flour, oil that all went to St. Vincent DePaul – we are collecting in the Parish office.
- January – 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> soups and ramen will go Monument Crisis Center.

### **Annual Christmas Food Drive: All**

We received 150 bags for the first weekend (Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>); we had 12 bags that were not sorted because they were late arrivals. They started sorting early and finished around 11am (which could account for the bags that did not get sorted), so maybe this coming weekend we should start sorting later. We will start sorting after the 9:30 mass, then we can account for bags being dropped off after the 11:30 mass. Any bags arriving Monday will not be sorted.

For this weekend's collecting and sorting bags, Pat will confirm sign up sheet by sending out an email.

An idea for next year would be to ask for monetary donations and not just the bags filled of foods.

**Winter Nights: Karen**

No discussion at this time; we can do volunteer sign ups in the January meeting.

**Shoes that Fit: Carol**

Marj and Carol ended up buying three pair of shoes that were not claimed after the last collection; they are not anticipating another list of shoes until late January.

**Other: Pat**

Future Blue Barrels – moving to next month's agenda.

**Shelter Dinners: Pat**

- Julie Sabbadini is chef and they are transporting and serving the food.

**Publicity: Sandi**

Sandi has everything she needs.

**Closing Prayer:** The meeting was ended with group prayer of the Our Father.

**Next Meeting: January 2, 2018, Chairperson will be determined**