

ST PERPETUA OUTREACH COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 2, 2016

Members Present: Ann Diemer (Chair Person), Ann Porcella, Mary Terjeson, Sandi Gritzer, Joan Liston, Pat Snyder, Carol Weyer, Kitty Locke, Virginia LaFaille, Marielle Narkiewicz (Secretary), Karen Kalvass

Welcome and Opening Prayer: Ann Diemer welcomed everyone and handed out a prayer for all to recite.

Speaker: Ann lead the meeting by asking the group if there was an interest for a charity group that might be able to speak at our next meeting. The following was suggested:

- Mary: Loaves & Fishes;
- Carol: Shoes that Fit;
- Ann passed around the list of past speakers for reference.
- Joan will check in with Trinity Center for the next speaker

Agency Updates:

A Friendly Manor: Virginia began by asking a question: sister Marty at a Friendly Manor sent a letter noting her gratification for what has been donated (toiletries etc.). We should post something in the church bulletin to show her thanks to everyone in the parish. Sandi will take this on.

Youth Homes: We received a letter of thanks for the donations.

Contra Costa Food Bank: We received a letter of thanks for the donations.

We Care: We received a letter of thanks for the donations.

Foster Family Network: Marj received a letter of thanks.

Options for Women: We received a letter of thanks for the donations.

Monument Crisis Center: Thank you from for the \$500 donation.

Trinity center: We received a letter stating that they are trying to expand the winter shelter and if anyone is interested to write a letter showing support (go on their [website](#) and write a quick notice).

Food Pantry (St Vincent de Paul): We received a thank you note.

No One Left Behind: We received a letter (Karen) she will read later (agenda item).

Volunteer opportunities page updates:

Reported out by Mary Terjeson: Mary asks us to look at the current agency list and make sure the names associated are correct. We are missing information on the Foster Family Network and this will be updated by Marj (the contact name should be changed from Joan to Marj). Mary is also asking everyone to update the address information (where we send checks) on the sheet she's holding (she will contact the respective people).

- Note: Cambridge should be taken off the list.

Pat brought a new agency to our attention that she would like to bring in: *Rota Care Center* located in Pittsburg has a free medical clinic and they have been contacting individuals looking for donations; Pat will contact them if we think this is a good avenue. They have a lot of funding from foundations, and a lot of other institutions in the area (St Joan of Arc, Knights of Columbus, etc.), and they fall under rotary support. St P's was the first group to donate money to open the clinic (part of Loaves and Fishes financial funding) from November 2009. Their focus is more looking to create lifestyle changes, including (00% free med visits, referrals to specialists at reduced costs, free labs and pharmaceuticals); Group agreed to consider donating to this agency. Pat will bring more information for us next meeting.

Other news: Shelter Inc. CEO retired; they have a new CEO – John Eckstrom.

Agency Support Review: Karen updated the group of the No One Left Behind collection and read the thank you letter from the agency. The families were very grateful and received many needed items. Refugee family: no update from Mary Kuhn yet. Mary Kuhn should report back at a future meeting.

Financial Report & Fund Distribution: Mary wants us to go down the list for 2016 donations and look at it based upon who has received only a \$500 donation so far this year, and then others who have received \$1000; keeping in mind we should keep \$500-1K in pot for Shelter Dinners. Due to having no meeting in July, we should have about \$4-6K from July and August combined to donate. This resulted in the following prioritized list for August donations:

- Project Hope \$500 (Pat)
- Senior Outreach \$500 (Joan)
- Shelter Inc – We will give them a \$1K rather than \$500, because of the need of the Mountain View facility that has lost \$140K in funding sources (but we will be sure to ear mark the funds for Mountain View facility) \$1000
- STAND \$500 (Sandi)
- Food Pantry \$500 (Virginia)

- Loaves & Fishes \$500 (Mary T)
- Winter Nights \$500 (Pat)

If making all of these donations results in less than \$1000 balance, then donations should be deferred to next month starting at the bottom of the list.....ie. with Winter Nights.

Food Basket: July: 20 bags went to St Vincent de Paul. The next collection (August 13/14) is Peanut Butter and Jelly, Crackers (Saltines, Graham) and will go to Monument Crisis Center.

Blue Barrel: Karen: Had a successful No One Left Behind drive (packed 17' trailer!) delivered to Oakland. Roughly 40 Refugee families came (around 200 people) and most of the items were taken. We have already received a thank you letter for the donations. For future Blue Barrels Karen would like to get the "Coats & Blankets" for Oct/Nov on the next agenda (September).

Shoes That Fit: Joan reported out for Marj: We should decide if we would like to expand beyond shoes, possibly including socks & uniforms or just keep it as shoes. Marj may not have enough info for September, might be an October agenda item.

Publicity: No updates from Sandi.

Shelter Meals: Father John has agreed to put out a cashbox. This will be placed during mass for all of August; we need to make sure someone will cover securing the money from the box during masses.

Closing Prayer: The meeting was ended with group prayer of the Hail Mary.

Next Meeting: September 6, 2016; Chairperson will be Ann Diemer