

ST PERPETUA OUTREACH COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 1, 2017

Members Present: Ann Porcella, Mary Terjeson, Marielle Narkiewicz (Secretary), Pat Snyder (Chairperson), Diane Hansen, Sandi Gritzer

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

Speaker: Guest speaker: No Speakers Today

Future Speakers:

September: Child Abuse Prevention Council; Ann Diemer will check on this.

Loaves and Fishes should also be a future speaker (3-4 months out from now).

Correspondence and Agency Updates: Pat/All

1. Putnam Clubhouse – research being done to determine if we add to permanent list; still on hold before making a decision. Mary K and Diane to still visit the clubhouse. Putnam is having a gala on October 28th as a dance competition with local officials.
2. Watch – STAND, Bay Area Crisis Nursery – wait for next month for update
3. Meals on Wheels – wait for next month to update
4. Liaison Opportunities: Options for Women – possible future speaker; also having a gala October 20th.

Financial Report & Fund Distribution: Mary T / All

Fifth Sundays: 10/29 and 12/31

June/July funds to allocate: \$8,500 reported by parish office. Mary recommended distributing to 17 agencies each are \$500 donations for a total of \$8,500, and keeping \$918 reserved:

1. Bay Area Crisis Nursery
2. Bay Area Rescue Mission
3. CCIC
4. Child Abuse Prevention Council
5. Contra Costa Food Bank
6. Food Pantry
7. Foster Family Network of CCC
8. Friendly Manor
9. Hope Conference

10. Loaves & Fishes
11. Monument Crisis Center
12. Options of Women
13. Putnam Clubhouse (reissued check, as their previous check was not received)
14. Project Hope Anka
15. MOW/SOS
16. RotaCare
17. SHARE
18. Shelter Inc.

Note: For future treat CCIC cleaning kits in same way we handle Shelter Dinners, post claims as payments are made vs giving Kitty \$500 as needed. This meets the request from Katherine, Office Manager.

Postpone the New Treasurer until we have developed a more standard routine with the parish office and possibly recruit from the parish.

Blue Barrel: Pat

Next collection: Although we had discussed possible event in late August, no dates were requested from Christoph and Father; so planning for August is not practical. We can save this idea for a future time, as considering for September is getting too close to the warm Coat event.

Warm Coat Drive: Pat & Diane

Dates: October 14/15 or October 21/22 and Christoph will decide the date; have pick up in the upper lot (due to construction in lower lot); have two people to help out 15 minutes before and after mass just to load into Karen's car (she will sort at home). Then Sunday afternoon the different outreach groups will either come to pick up their items or Karen will drop them off. Can decide who may help out and volunteer in the September/October meeting.

Food Basket: Virginia / Kitty

- June: Bill Gardner took approximately 30 bags of powdered milk, vegetable oil, and masa harina to Monument Crisis Center
- July: Al & Virginia took 25 bags of macaroni and cheese, and rice to St Vincent de Paul at St Francis of Assisi
- August 12/13 – Peanut Butter, Jelly, Crackers (Saltines/Graham) for Monument Crisis Center.

Shoes that Fit: Marj / Carol

Pursue new school – Willow Cove, Pittsburg Ken Winkler will get back in touch with Marj and Carol after meeting with the Principal; that may not mean getting rid of Los Medanos, but for now keep them on the back burner.

CROP Walk: Pat

Last September Pat and Mary were approached about participating in the CROP Walk because it is a fundraiser for Winter Nights. Since 1970 across the country there are hundreds of communities that have a “CROP Walk” which came out of the Church World Service, and their interdenominational groups (like Catholic Relief Services). They began focusing on hunger and getting funds on agricultural training and stocking pantries, etc. Wherever one of these walks are held, 25% of the proceeds go to an organization, and this organization is Winter Nights in our area. The walk will be on October 15th in Civic Park in Walnut Creek.

Things to consider:

- We would need to have people sign up in September to be able to have the fundraising begin and raise enough funds by the walk in October.
- Can we get something out to the school to have the kids participate as well (something to check on)? Someone to put together a flyer to give out to the school and youth groups to gain interest.
- We would also have to do publicity ahead of time to get the word out, build teams, have time for fund raising, etc.
- Ann P’s idea is to have this presented to the youth coordinators to build some backing for it too.
- We could also have someone come and speak during a mass and give some background information on CROP to get some publicity and interest in the mass.
- Pat will check with Laura to see how we might move forward on this and how much interest she has in helping us out on this. She will also check with Christoph re: feasibility, given multiple parish activities during that time.

Other: Refugee Family: Mary K

Wait until next month’s meeting for update.

Other: Rotating Chairperson: Pat

We need a volunteer for October; Pat will do November and December.

Shelter Dinners: Pat

What will be the location during hall construction? Father may be speaking to other churches to see if we can use their kitchens.

- Pat will check with Christoph to confirm that someone is checking with local churches, if not then ORC will need to help;
- Loaves & Fishes (in Martinez) also volunteered their kitchen but they need to know dates to be able to help so they won't need the kitchen themselves.
- Karen also said that her church (Holy Shepard) might also be able to volunteer their kitchen as well.

Publicity: Sandi

Put advertisement for Friendly Manor into the bulletin; they need volunteers for lunches Monday through Friday (either bring food or prepare sandwiches).

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

Next Meeting: September 5, 2017, Chairperson will be Pat Snyder