

## ST PERPETUA OUTREACH COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 2, 2014

**Members Present:** Sharon Flower, Terese Hagerty, Marj Ho, Virginia La Faille, Joan Liston, Kitty Locke, Anne Meyer, Ann Porcella, Judith Russell, Pat Snyder, Mary Terjeson, Carol Weyer

**Welcome & Prayer:** Mary Terjeson opened the meeting with a prayer and a special welcome back to Terese Hagerty.

**Speakers:** There was not a speaker for the September meeting. If there is any speaker for October, please let Pat Snyder know.

**Correspondence and agency updates/ Potential speakers:** Ann Porcella received a thank you from the Bay Area Rescue Mission along with an invitation to their annual fund-raising banquet. Three donors have agreed to match every banquet donation up to \$200,000.

Virginia La Faille read the retirement letter from Sister Deanine, the director of Friendly Manor. Brenda Lindsley will be the interim director while they search for a new director.

Mary Terjeson opened the discussion about the Safe Families program, which Judith Russell had presented at the August meeting. Judith Russell said she had not yet filled out an Agency Profile. She said that if the Outreach Committee was interested in further exploring Safe Families, she would need to get the financial information from the president of their board of directors. Marj Ho asked how a parish might participate. Judith Russell said that there were three levels of involvement – financial support, supplies for children (e.g., Blue Barrel), and volunteer host families supported by their parish. Marj Ho said that the program was similar to Sister Ann's. Kitty Locke said it might be better as a school project. Mary Terjeson said it was a worthy cause; and she asked Judith Russell to talk with Fr John for his input before contacting the president of Safe Families' board of directors.

**Financial Report and Fund Distribution:** Anne Meyer reported that our current balance is \$4,453.23. August had a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, and the Outreach Committee received the second collection.

Kitty Locke said that her agency doesn't need support this month for cleaning kits, but they will next month. We need to find out about Buzz Sherwood. He usually gets \$100 or so for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday meals.

Terese Hagerty asked how we support the Shelter Dinner. Mary Terjeson said meals are cooked in the St P kitchen; another group helps transport and serve the meal.

Mary Terjeson suggested that we only spend \$3500 this month, and save some for the coffers.

Nov 30 is the next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday when we will again get the second collection.

**Food Basket:** Last month 185 pounds went to Monument Crisis Center. This month's donated food goes to Food Pantry - Saint Vincent de Paul. We will collect on Sept 13 & 14: canned meals, pasta, chili, stew. Pat Snyder said that there was an error in last week's bulletin saying that the Food Basket is "next week". Carol Weyer will post the correct date on our new tripod.

**Blue Barrel:** Carol Weyer said she spoke with Virginia and prepared publicity for Sept 20-21. Virginia LaFaille said the Blue Barrel doesn't need much sorting. She and Kitty Locke can deliver the donations to Friendly Manor when they take the check over.

**Shoes That Fit:** Marj Ho said that she hasn't heard back from her email to the Vice Principal. She will call the Principal. Last year, we started at the end of Sept. Marj Ho will call Carol Weyer when she hears from the Principal. Carol Weyer said that last year we used the thank yous from the children for publicity. This year we will give thanks to the parish as a kick off for Shoes That Fit.

**Publicity:** Sandi Gritzer is ill. Carol Weyer will write a thank you for the financial and blue barrel donations.

**Shelter Dinner:** Ann Meyer reported that Monica Chappel is cooking next week; Ann Diemer is scheduling. Terese Hagerty indicated that she would be interested in helping and was given Ann Diemer's name to contact.

**Other:** Marj Ho said that groups that work with foster children and homeless families will take old suitcases. Sometimes foster children end up carrying their possessions in garbage bags. At some future blue barrel we can do a luggage drive. Marj to follow up to see if there are limits to the number of suitcases they would accept.

Mary Terjeson announced that Pat Snyder will take over for the next 4 meetings. Judith Russell said that she will be out of town next month.

**Closing Prayer:** Mary Terjeson led the "Hail Mary" in honor of those strong women who have been active members of the Outreach Committee, e.g., Claribel Shideler and Margaret Moody who have given so much.

**Next Meeting:** October 7, 2014, Rotating Chairperson: Pat Snyder.