

ST PERPETUA OUTREACH COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 6, 2016

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

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:

- Sandi: Someone from STAND can come possibly for December's meeting.
- Karen suggested that someone from No One Left Behind can also come to speak.
- Joan found that Donna Columbo from the Trinity Center can speak for the November meeting.

Agency Updates:

Correspondence and Agency Updates: We received thank you notes from a number of charities for their \$500.00 donations as well as a thank you note from Youth Homes for the donation of clothing from the recent clothing drive.

Volunteer opportunities page updates:

We got an update on Trinity Center from Joan- Two members must move by Sept 30th, request is for temp housing; house-sitting job will be helpful; needs to be close to Walnut Creek. Shelter Inc can give details on their good standing for residency. We can put something in the bulletin (Sandi) to get the information out to the church community. For more information, Joan says folks should just go on their website and find out if they can help, and to understand all the needed volunteer positions. We can just put in a small ad in the bulletin directing people to their website. We can also tell our High School Faith Formation coordinator to direct them to the volunteer opportunities (as they need to do community service before they graduate).

Financial Report & Fund Distribution:

Patty reported out the financials for the month, with the following explanation: On the sheet, green boxes mean the next possible donations; we have \$3388 to spend for September 6, 2016.

We got much more money for the cash box and it went to the Concord Shelter (\$2500 extra beyond the cost of the meals we provided!). The Food Pantry & Loaves and Fishes was one of the last charities we wrote a check to; however, they also already got a total of \$1500 from us this year. We should move Cambridge Community Center to the “subgroup 2” table (because we agreed to no longer send funds to them.). And we should also remove Respect Life Ministry from the second subgroup. Sr Helpline Services should be removed because we haven’t given to them in a long time. FACE should also be removed. Mary’s House should also be removed.

Rather than go green boxes, just start over from the top and go alphabetically because most have all gotten \$1000. This resulted in the following prioritized list for September donations:

- Bay Area Crisis,
- Bay Area Rescue,
- CCIC,
- CCIC Coalition,
- Child Abuse Prevention Control,
- Contra Costa Food Bank,
- And also pay for Karen’s rental truck. We will continue down the list next month.

Food Basket:

Sandi has this in the bulletin – 20 bags for August

Sept: The next collection is (Sept 10/11) and we need: Canned Meals (Chili, Soup, etc.).

Blue Barrel:

Karen hasn’t spoken with Christoph yet to determine the dates for the next Blue Barrel; Karen would like to get the “Coats & Blankets” information in September.

Are there any other charities that would like to have a blue barrel?

- Virginia: what about Napa/Clear Lake etc. to help out with the fires that have occurred;
- Kitty: CCIC always needs blankets
- Mary K: has an idea for the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts to help Karen out with the sorting for all the “Coats and Blankets”. Mary K will follow up with the Girl Scout contact within the church. – Karen will come up with the list of needs and run it with Christoph to determine dates. Karen’s idea would be to have a different blue barrel each month (with the list she passed out), We can also do this quarterly to spread donation need out. Lets try to do cold weather things for the month of October. It is suggested for people to donate to Wardrobe for Opportunity in Walnut Creek (Union Bank; 1555 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Walnut Creek, CA 94596).

Shoes That Fit:

Marj: will get a list at the end of September or October; there is a new Vice Principal and because of that there might be a lag in time, so we should wait until Marj hears back. We will table it until we hear more from Marj.

Publicity:

Sandi-

No updates from Sandi.

Shelter Meals:

There is one more extra meal to go: September 21st we don't yet know who will cook or transport the meals.

Winter nights: Karen has dates for st. Perpetua's participation: Feb 27th -March 13th . they are opening in early October as usual.

Karen takes the food over to Friendly Manor from the carnival, but she will not be here during the carnival and needs someone else to take the food. The date is Sunday October 2nd.

Bay Area Rescue Mission – Virginia got an invitation for the 51st anniversary banquet at the Hilton Concord. There is no cost to attend; there will be a silent auction and it is up to you what you'd like to donate.

Refugee Family – Mary K- not a lot of progress right now; There will be an influx of refugee families coming in, in September so the need for St P's to help out is there. Mary will likely speak after mass one day (will check with Christoph), and possibly run this through Family to Family – to bring the attention of helping these families within St P's.

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

Next Meeting: October 4, 2016; Chairperson will be Ann Diemer