

ST PERPETUA OUTREACH COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 6, 2016

Members Present: Ann Porcella, Sandi Gritzer, Joan Liston, Pat Snyder (Chairperson), Carol Weyer, Marielle Narkiewicz (Secretary), Patty Flynn, Mary Terjeson, Kitty Locke, Virginia LaFaille, Ann Diemer, Monica Anderson, David Anderson

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

Speaker:

Sandi introduced our speaker from STAND. Kris Jachens, Letty Quison, Kitty Cole

They would be taking us on a virtual STAND story tour: something that they do at the agency.

Kris started speaking: she is STAND's Development Officer. First stop on the tour is "saving lives". We often hear, why doesn't the abused person just leave? It takes an average of 7 attempts to leave a relationship that is abusive. And most of those still likely need help. When someone needs help they get assigned to a liaison or counselor who can help them leave the abusive relationship. For every additional liaison they put in the community, they can help 5 families in the course of a week. Second stop on the tour is rebuilding families: Children who experience physical violence are more likely to grow up and be abusive themselves, more likely to abuse substances & also engage in more antisocial behaviors and have more health problems. A recent study on spanking has shown that this has the same effects as more severe discipline. Kinship support services works with grandparents and aunts and uncles who have taken on the care of younger relatives that the parents cannot take care of. The children will get into therapy and the caretaker gets into a care class to learn how to work with children without having to resort to violence. Now they can provide parenting programs to about 100 people a year; with an additional facilitator they can help one more family throughout the year. Last stop on the tour: changing the future. Peer pressure can be a powerful tool to change behavior in positive ways. Promoting gender respect (aimed at boys to build strong and healthy relationships with their partners and peers) and youth against violence. We listened to a recording from a 16-year-old boy who was a part of PGR. These groups help to show youth how to identify and address racism, sexism, and violence within their peer groups. They have part time help with the facilitators they have currently, and right now serve 2500 people a year with these groups; if they could add one full time facilitator, they could serve upwards of 10,000 students in a school year.

STAND received a grant Legal Assessment Program about a year ago. They put liaisons in three police departments who were trained to ask questions to find out if the victims could become a future homicide. Contra Costa County was one of four counties in the country to have this grant & program.

1st year: Average of 62 highly critical calls a month within Contra Costa County. CDC estimates 1 in 4 women are sent to the hospital due to domestic abuse.

They have 2 or 3 fundraisers to the luncheon. Usually raise \$121,000 per year each October.

Budget is \$6.3 millions but this is still not enough. About 2/3 of the budget comes from the government. They have 85 full time equivalent employees. They have room on their board for anyone who would like to join. They've done about 22 of these discussions over the year. The more their voice is heard, the more funding they might get.

Future Speakers: Loaves & Fishes; RotaCare are possibilities.

Correspondence and Agency Updates: All

Mary T has an update for Loaves & Fishes: They continue to serve lunch meals at their sites and also Trinity Center. They are expanding this through the Winter Nights program. They have also been able to work with White Pony Express and also expand the amount of food they serve. They would also like to come and speak to us at any time.

Ann D: on Youth Homes the director Candy Espino is taking over for Stuart McCullough

Joan: Meals on wheels are taking volunteers to help deliver food over the holidays.

Trinity Center opened their winter program from Nov 19- last day of March. They need volunteers of all sorts. They are also offering discount shopping for certain stores in Lafayette and Walnut Creek. The Trinity Center gets \$20 and the merchant gets 10% discount for the shopper.

Virginia: annual report on St. Mary's Center. Spoke with Sister Marty. St P's was not listed in their annual report because our donations didn't make it in because we only donated to Friendly Manor and not "St Mary's Center", but they should be in the next year's report.

Financial Report & Fund Distribution: Patty

Patty will be resigning in January after the next meeting!

We are sorry to lose her, and thanked her for serving in this capacity. She has worked to simplify the process and also has created a "manual" that will be a guide for future treasurers.

This month we will donate to Bay Area Crisis Nursery, Bay Area Rescue Mission, CCIC and Child Abuse Prevention. We will keep \$800 in the bank for Shelter Dinners.

Who will take the task on from Patty? Think about this before the next meeting.

Dates for 2017 donations: 1/29 4/30 7/30 10/29 12/31

Christmas Food Drive: Kitty/Virginia & Pat

We received a lot of food and we hit our goal about 150 bags filled. The bags were mostly jam-packed! Next weekend we should receive even more bags (December 10,11). For Monday morning (9am) sorting we have 9 volunteers.

Blue Barrel: Pat

November 6th Share the Warmth collection- no updates because Karen is not here. Mary shared: Much more organized than last year due to Karen's organization.

Food Basket: Virginia/Kitty

Items: hearty soups and ramen for the January collection.

Shoes that Fit: Carol

Marj is out, but Carol has an update. Marj has sent out the sign up genius for future deliverers; but the request for shoes came out November 18th with 23 names and already gone that weekend. The second list was December 1st with 14 names and there are already about 20 people who have returned their shoes. The next Sunday will be the final drop-off.

Other: Refugee Family: Pat

Parish project has no news updates.

Upcoming Events: Pat/All

Pasta Feed: 2/4 sell tickets 1/21-22 and 1/28-29 for winter nights. Signups will cover January meeting.

Winter Nights: St P's assist at Orinda Community Church 2/27-3/13.

Next Blue Barrel: discuss in January

Publicity: Sandi

Sandi has everything she needs.

Shelter Dinners: Ann Diemer

This Shelter Dinner was completed by a group of people (listed in the bulletin) who became interested in the Ministry Fair.

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

Next Meeting: January 2, 2016, Chairperson will be Pat Snyder