

## **ST PERPETUA OUTREACH COMMITTEE MINUTES**

### **April 7, 2015**

**Members Present:** Mary Terjeson (Acting Chair), Sandi Gritzer, Marj Ho, Kitty Locke, Anne Meyer (Treasurer), Ann Porcella, Mary Terjeson, Carol Weyer, Joan Liston, Ann Diemer (Acting Secretary), Patricia Flynn

**Welcome & Prayer:** Mary Terjeson welcomed the members and visitor Patti Flynn. Ann Porcella noted that Patti's mother was long time Outreach Committee member Claribel Shideler. Patti recalled fondly that her mother and father had an old blue station wagon that they used to transport used furniture to "that friendly place"....the Friendly Manor. Mary opened the meeting with a special prayer "what we give away enriches us each day".

**Speakers:** Mary handed out an updated Speaker list. It was noted that Hope Conference would be a possibility for a speaker as they have not come before the Committee. Kitty Locke noted it is an ad hoc group with no real leader, but she will check with the participants to see if anyone is interested in coming to speak.

**Correspondence and agency updates:** A number of "thank you" were received in the mail and passed around. Joan Liston noted she had heard from Senior Outreach Services and they have finished their expansion on Civic Drive. Their budget has increased from \$1.5 M to \$1.75 M. Of this only 1% is from individual/independent donors such as St. Perpetua. The rest is government funding. They continue to need volunteers for home visits, they will provide training. This may be an opportunity to make special note of in the Bulletin. Joan will get additional info for next meeting. Joan also noted that the ED, Elaine Clark, may be willing to come and speak. Mary Terjeson noted that we had received a thank you from Loaves and Fishes for our special donation to their capital campaign, in addition to an invitation to their next fundraiser, a garden party on June 7. Mary also noted that she had updated the agency contact and volunteer opportunity list and handed copies out. Any final edits should be forwarded to Mary by end of meeting and list will be placed in bulletin.

**Financial Report and Fund Distribution:** The balance in the Outreach Account is \$5,636.55. This is higher than expected due to generous donations in the fifth Sunday Outreach Collection on March 29. Financial obligations are up to date, with exception of April Shelter Dinner, which is expected to incur an expense of about \$200. Therefore, there should be enough funds to make ten \$500 donations this month. The group reviewed the list of annual donations to date. Of those ten listed to receive in April and May, a total of ten agencies, only CCIC Cleaning Kits is not in need of a donation. Moving to June, the next agency to replace CCIC Kits would be Winter Nights. So the ten agencies receiving donations of \$500 each will be those scheduled for April and May, which include Youth Homes, CCC Food Bank, Food Pantry at SVDP, Monument Crisis Center, SHARE, Bay Area Rescue Mission, CCIC, Friendly Manor, and Shelter Inc.. Then Winter Nights will be added from the June list. This will total \$5000. in donations

for April. The next fifth Sunday will be May 31.

**Food Basket:** The next monthly food basket collection is April 11/12 and will be for St. Vincent de Paul. Items solicited are canned meats, including Spam! The March collection for Monument Crisis Center had a moderate turnout, with 28 bags collected and delivered.

**Blue Barrel:** The Blue Barrel collections on Feb28/March 1 and March 7/8 were very successful. Lots of large cans of Enfamil with Iron, Aveeno Lotion and body wash unscented, small mesh laundry bags and baby wipes. Marj Ho organized and delivered the items to Bay Area Crisis Nursery and they were very appreciative. Mary Terjeson noted we should start thinking about next collection. Due to logistics of no meeting in July, a collection in late September is likely soonest. There was discussion of whether we should focus on back to school supplies given the date late in September. Ann Diemer noted we had not collected blankets, sleeping bags and linens for a while and this might be a good theme for a collection. This will be discussed further at future meetings.

**Shoes That Fit:** Marj Ho noted that since the program started (September 24, 2012) the parish has donated about 407 pair of shoes. She and Carol are working on the messaging as there still appears to be some confusion on type and color of shoes as well as forgetting to record contact info. Marj noted it is possible we will get one more list of requested shoes before the end of school.

**Publicity:** Mary Terjeson thanked Sandi Gritzer for being so proactive in getting items in the bulletin.

**Shelter Dinner:** Ann Diemer noted that Monica Chappell and friends did the cooking in April. Carol Weinstein, Tom and Maryellen Judson and Suzanne and Larry Pestal were the servers and transporters.

**Other:** Ann Porcella asked to speak about an issue that she thinks would be a good project for the Committee. She noted that recently there was a family standing outside of church on Sunday asking for donations. She said she gave them a card with some info on Bay Area Rescue Mission. However, she thought at the time it would be good if we had a card we could hand out with a list of all possible resources when we encounter such persons needing help. Others noted that there is a number....211....that can be called for referral to resources. Pat Snyder recalled that she may have some information or a list of local resources. The Committee agreed this would be a good project with a goal of producing a small card....similar to business card....with a list of resources that could be made available to Committee members as well as the parish at large for use when encountering persons needing assistance.

**Closing Prayer:** The Committee members joined in saying the Hail Mary.

**Next Meeting:** May 5, 2015, Rotating Chairperson: Mary Terjeson. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.