

ST PERPETUA OUTREACH COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 5, 2016

Members Present: Mary Terjeson (Chair Person,) Virginia LaFaille, Pat Snyder, Ann Porcella, Ann Meyer, Joan Liston, Kitty Locke, Marj Ho, Sandi Gritzer, Karen Kalvass, Sarah Ellison, and Carol Weyer (Temporary Secretary.)

Welcome New Guests and Opening Prayer: Tracy Groholski, Jan Saillard and Marielle Narkiewicz. Mary Terjeson lead us in prayer.

Speaker: Sr. Marty from A Friendly Manor will be our May speaker. In June, there will be a speaker from Youth Homes.

Correspondence and Agency Updates: We received thank you notes from last month's monetary distributions from Cambridge Community Center, Friendly Manor, and We Care - \$500.00 each. Also, Mary suggested that Outreach Members should review their agencies and be prepared for our next meeting to recommend or not recommend continued support. Karen Kalvass said that she thought Senior Helpline Services has a new name, she will research and let us know.

Outreach Committee Guidelines and Mission Statement continuing discussion: Mary Terjeson handed out revised drafts with highlighted changes for the Mission Statement and the Financial and Blue Barrel Guidelines which were approved to finalize by the committee members."

Trinity Center Report: Joan Liston said that there will be a **2nd Annual Fundraising Gala** benefiting Trinity Center on May 19th, 2016, 6:00 – 9:30 p.m. at Boundary Oak Golf Club in Walnut Creek. In addition to food there will be wine tasting, a silent auction and a live auction during the banquet, plus special drawing tickets. Ticket Prices will be 1 ticket @ \$10.00, 3 tickets @ \$20.00 and 10 tickets @ \$50.00. If you plan to attend, please remember to bring personal address labels for ease of filling out the drawing tickets. Joan passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to man the table and help sell drawing tickets after the masses on the weekend of April 23/24 and April 30/May 1st.

Trinity Center is a non-residential program serving homeless and working poor adult men and women in Walnut Creek and Contra Costa County. It offers a safety net of basic human services, food, breakfast & hot lunch, showers and laundry, clothing mail and telephone access, referral services, help with benefit application, community.

Financial Report & Fund Distribution: Anne Meyer stated that the month end balance for March was \$2,388.15. After discussion it was decided that \$500.00 each would go to the following agencies: Bay Area Crisis Nursery, Child Abuse Prevention Council, Options for Women.

Winter Nights: Mary Terjeson said that the amount of money raised by the pasta feed in support of the Winter Nights program was \$4,200.00. Winter Nights will be held at the Orinda Community Church Wed., April 13 – Sun., April 17th. This program provides a clean, safe and

warm facility at night during winter for homeless families with children. As of the meeting, volunteers were still needed to make chili Wednesday.

Food Basket: The March collection of 42 bags of food went to SVDP at St. Francis. Our next collection of canned fish/meat (tuna, chicken, turkey, spam, corn beef) on April 9th will be delivered to Monument Crisis Center. Remember to take advantage of BOGO (Buy One, Get One, offers as you shop.)

Blue Barrel: Clothing Drive for Hillcrest Clothes Closet in Pleasant Hill, also benefiting Trinity Center in Walnut Creek, St. Anthony in San Francisco and others. All clothing will be accepted. Collection will take place on the weekend of April 9th and 10th. Volunteers needed to help sort. Karen was asked about the possibility of a tax receipt for clothes donated. She will check into this and get back to us.

Shoes That Fit: Marj Ho reported that no list has come in yet from the Vice-Principal for Los Medanos Elementary School, Nicole Kitchen. Marj will be in touch with her again soon.

Publicity: Sandi Gritzer stated that she has all the info she needed for the next church bulletin (Trinity Center Gala, Shelter Meals, Food Basket, the 5th Sunday collection results.)

Shelter Meals: Everything is all set for the next Shelter Meal. Monica Chappell, Carol Weinstein and her husband, plus Dick Jacobberger and Family will help.

Closing Prayer: The meeting was ended with group prayer.

Next Meeting: May 3, 2016