

**ST PERPETUA OUTREACH COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**September 5, 2017**

**Members Present:** Joan Liston, Mary Terjeson, Marielle Narkiewicz (Secretary), Pat Snyder (Chairperson), Diane Hansen, Sandi Gritzer, Virginia LaFaille, Ann Diemer, Karen Kalvass, Kitty Locke, Carol Weyer, Marj Ho

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

**Speaker: Guest speaker: No Speakers Today**

**Future Speakers:**

October: Child Abuse Prevention Council; Ann Diemer confirmed this.

**Correspondence and Agency Updates: Pat/All**

1. Putnam Clubhouse – research being done to determine if we add to permanent list; still on hold before making a decision. Marielle and Diane to still visit the clubhouse. Putnam is having a gala on October 28<sup>th</sup> as a dance competition with local officials. Marielle and Diane will also check on the check that was mailed and make sure it has been received and cashed.
2. Watch –
  - a. Bay Area Crisis Nursery – they just received 3, \$100K donations so should be ok for now.
  - b. STAND – wait for next month for update
3. Liaison Opportunities: Options for Women – Karen Kalvass volunteered to take this on as Liaison in a few months when she has time. Possible future speaker; also, having a gala October 20<sup>th</sup>
4. Friendly Manor – Sr Marti has left and a new director is in place.
5. Winter Nights – They have received a three-year grant from the Contra Costa Community Grants totaling \$53,000 a year. This helps with administrative paperwork for Winter Nights. St. Perpetua will provide support as in past years. This year's dates are February 4<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>.

Trinity center will use the armory (in Walnut Creek) again for shelter for the winter prior to the new building being constructed. Because of moving in and out of the armory, they need old suitcases, especially ones with wheels. Temporary center location during construction is a few blocks from current location in Walnut Creek.

**Financial Report & Fund Distribution: Ann / All**

Fifth Sundays: 10/29 and 12/31

September funds to allocate: \$2,363 reported by parish office. Ann recommended distributing to 4 agencies each are \$500 donations for a total of \$2,000, and keeping \$363 reserved. The agencies are as follows. Sandi Gritzer would like to pick up the STAND check and hand deliver so she can check on how they are doing due to a number of recent staff changes.

1. STAND
2. Trinity Center
3. We Care
4. Winter Nights

Postpone the New Treasurer until we have developed a more standard routine with the parish office and possibly recruit from the parish. We will look back to this in early 2018.

### **Warm Coat Drive: Karen**

Approved Dates: October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. We have the organizations lined up in 30-minute increments to come and pick up at the church and for those that cannot pick up, Karen and Jan deliver the coats. Right now, we also have the idea of adding suitcases with wheels added to the donations. For now, we may postpone the suitcases until November so we do not do too much at once. To follow up, Joan will check back with Trinity Center on this to see how many suitcases and what sizes they need. If it is limited it may be handled by a simple announcement in the bulleting rather than a blue barrel. We will have a sign up at next month's meeting for volunteering for the Coat Drive. Karen to provide Sandi information on what to include in bulletin notice.

### **Food Basket: Virginia / Kitty**

- August Report – Peanut Butter, Jelly, Crackers (Saltines/Graham) for Monument Crisis Center. This month 34 bags were delivered by Al and Virginia.
- September – 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> for Monument Crisis Center – canned meals, pasta, chili, stew. Virginia and Al will deliver this month as well.
- October – 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> we have volunteers ready: Jim Fulton volunteered and Kim Terrill.

### **Shoes that Fit: Marj / Carol**

Carol and Marj visited both schools (Los Medanos and Willow Cove).

- Willow Cove – Pittsburg, Ken Winkler very enthusiastic
- Los Medanos – Pittsburg, Mia Flores also very enthusiastic

This means we will have two active schools next year for shoe donations. We will have two different colored cards (gold and lime green) to distinguish between the two

schools, and there will also be some new literature on what to do and how to donate. Dates for donations: Mid-November, January / February and then April. With construction, where can parishioners drop off the shoes, possibly the parish office? We also need to solicit for more drivers to deliver the shoes.

### **Construction: Pat / All**

Construction will begin on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. They will be holding a “Hasta La Vista Hall” event on the night of the 21<sup>st</sup> to say goodbye to the hall before construction begins. The meeting that was held on August 31<sup>st</sup> was an orientation to what is going to be happening with the construction. The VP of the construction company gave an overview of the plan: there will be a wall built across from Panther House to the gate and a line fenced off so parishioners can walk into the church safely- only on weekends. There will also be parking attendants available to help during this time. There may also be some things that don’t occur here (such as Christmas and Easter busy masses), and we will be using alternate spaces. The gas will also be turned off in the church during the winter, meaning no heat! There will also be no access to the church during the week; no events will take place in the church during the week. Also, within a year of the construction beginning, the church will be closed completely for one month and we will need to go to another church. Some of the extensive time and cost is due to the retaining wall that must be built and also lines that need to be brought into the church and hall that are currently not there (for example, the sprinkler system line).

Pat wants the Outreach Committee to make a list of what we will need that would impact the committee and she can take to Christoph and then report back.

- Monthly food basket
  - Where to put the basket and it must be removed on Sundays: Use Religious Resource Center room if possible, or open parish office and put in entry space.
  - Use the RRC room for the Christmas food drive need for sorting on Monday for same day delivery.
  - Truck or U-Haul rental for food deliveries for the Christmas drive or at least a truck there on Sunday morning to complete the delivery was suggested as option.
- Blue Barrels
  - Religious Resource Center room
  - We may also not do blue barrels
  - Or do smaller items (such as toiletries, etc.)
  - We will see how Christmas Food Drive goes and go forward from there
- Shelter Dinners

- Religious Resource Center or School's staff kitchen refrigerators are a possibility
- Holy Shepard and Grace Presbyterian may be a possibility if needed
- For now, cooks are comfortable using someone's home and all the cooks meet to cook together. There will be a need for extra refrigerators, as noted above.
- Shoes that Fit
  - Have a bin in the parish office and one in the school, should not be much of an issue
  - We may also ask if they can open the parish office on Sundays for the shoe delivery, if entry can be secured to lobby.
  - The Outreach Committee members can also act as "hall monitor" for the parish office and man the area when the shoes (and any other deliveries such as food basket or blue barrel) are dropped off

**Other: Rotating Chairperson:**

Ann Diemer will chair the October 3 meeting.

Pat will chair November and December.

**Other: CROP Walk**

Not this year.

**Other: Refugee Family: Pat**

Will be taken off the agenda and if they need us, we will be notified.

**Shelter Dinners: Ann**

- Monica is cooking (Sandi to confirm). Jim Fulton is delivering with Betty Clogher and Dick Jacobberger.

**Publicity: Sandi**

Sandi has everything she needs.

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

**Next Meeting: October 3, 2017, Chairperson will be Ann Diemer**