

ST PERPETUA OUTREACH COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 2, 2018

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

Welcome and Opening Prayer: Mary welcomed everyone and handed out a prayer from St. Thomas More (prayed by Pope Francis daily)

Speaker: Guest speaker: No Speaker Today

Future Speakers:

- Mary sent around a sheet that showed the agencies we have and the last time they had a speaker attend one of our meetings- this gives us an idea of whom we can ask to come speak that hasn't been here in a few years.
 - Karen will target April for Options for Women

Correspondence and Agency Updates: All / Joan / Mary

1. We got thank you notes from several agencies.
2. We also received a letter from the Oakland Catholic letter, and also one from Oakland Elizabeth House, which is an organization for local families.
3. Trinity Center – Joan visited the multi-faith action coalition meeting and they decided at that meeting to send a notice to the organization's members to encourage people to write letters and/or go to the city council meeting. The city council received 60 letters in support of the site being approved. They have since approved the temporary site to continue the build in Walnut Creek. They will modify the site to appease the Walnut Creek residents who are concerned with the build and possible influx of homeless people in Walnut Creek. In 2011 there were 1,031 homeless sheltered and unsheltered population, and in 2017 there were 911 sheltered and unsheltered homeless population within Walnut Creek. There is a decrease in 45% of the homeless population in Walnut Creek.
4. Request from St. Vincent de Paul – There was a request to put something into the bulletin regarding the fire and the need to redevelop. They have also requested that they come and speak about what goes on at their center. They were asking folks for donations and this was put into the Christmas bulletin. We can ask if St. Vincent de Paul need certain donations that we can request the parish to deliver. We can look next month or the following month to see if there are specific donations they need that we can help out with (Sandi and Karen will

follow up). As far as having them come to speak, it would be best to keep it pointed at certain groups.

Financial Report & Fund Distribution: Ann D

Fifth Sundays: 4/29, 7/29, 9/30, and 12/30

Following the January 2 Outreach Committee meeting, when the proceeds from the fifth Sunday collection were not available, the office reported that the Outreach Committee Account balance was \$6055, including the December 31, 2017 collection. The office report also noted that this amount included \$800, which was specifically collected for Cash for Turkeys. The Cash for Turkeys will be distributed half (\$400) to Bay Area Rescue Mission and half (\$400) to Contra Costa County Food Bank as we have done in the past.

There will be eight \$500 donations distributed to the following agencies, for a total of \$4000 in donations:

1. Monument Crisis Center
2. Options for Women
3. Project Hope
4. Putnam Clubhouse
5. MOW/SOS
6. RotaCare
7. Share
8. Shelter Inc.

This will draw down the Outreach balance to \$1255. There is a discrepancy of \$192 from the previous year that is still being investigated and may result in the Outreach balance being drawn down by an additional \$192 to \$1063. Thus the balance is close to the \$1000 agreed to in our meeting. We hope to have this discrepancy issue resolved by the next meeting.

Food Basket: Kitty / Virginia

- January – 13th and 14th soups and ramen will go Monument Crisis Center.
- The new food list will be given by Carol.

Annual Christmas Food Drive: All

Christoph and the staff sent their thanks for everyone's help with this year's annual Christmas drive considering the hall and reconstruction. It was a success considering the big changes at the church. We collected 153 bags collected the first weekend and then 93 bags the following weekend. And Pat actually has 7 forgotten bags to also be

delivered. We should consider better ways to cover all masses next year to insure all bags are distributed.

An idea for next year would be to ask for monetary donations instead of the bags filled of foods to ease the extra work for collecting and distributing the food bags.

Winter Nights: Karen

We have responsibility for February 6th-12th and we're doing sign ups before and after mass January 13th and 14th. Carol requested for people to help. We have the following volunteers:

- January 13th: Diane and Marielle will help with 5pm mass
- January 14th: Sandi and Todd will help with 9:30am mass; Heather will help with 11:30am mass.

We will add something in this week's bulletin and also add something into the Timely Perpetuan.

Shoes that Fit: Marj

Marj received a new list and she and Carol will get together on Friday and post the new cards up for this weekend's masses. This list is from Los Medanos.

Other: Mary

- Future Blue Barrels – Mary to check with parish office to see which dates are available in Feb / March:
 - St Vincent de Paul might be a possibility- will find out for next month's meeting.
 - Friendly Manor could use feminine products.
 - Project Hope could use tarps, tents and baby wipes, socks, underwear.
- Annual Report:
 - Tallied items: Collection for the fires; added a new school for Shoes that Fit, which we received 661 pairs of shoes since program began; added Putnam Clubhouse as a new organization; Kitty got 80 cleaning kits; Over 1,000 meals served for Shelter Dinners; We will also get the amount donated for Cash for Turkeys from Ann D; We will also get the number of socks for ANKA from Pat; We had over 500 coats from the coat drive
- We also discussed doing the lunch for Friendly Manor as the Outreach Committee; Karen and Diane will take this task on to possibly have a group from Outreach to go on January 12th to bring food and serve lunch.

Shelter Dinners: Ann D

- The school board is cooking and transporting the meal.

Publicity: Sandi

Sandi has everything she needs except for the agencies and financial information.

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

Next Meeting: February 6, 2018, Chairperson will be Mary Terjeson