

## ST PERPETUA OUTREACH COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 2, 2018

**Members Present:** Marielle Narkiewicz – Acting Chair, Sandi Gritzer, Pat Snyder, Carol Weyer, Kitty Locke, Karen Kalvass, Mary Olowin, Virginia LaFaille, Mary Terjeson - Acting Treasurer, Heather Keith Spellman – Acting Secretary. **Absent:** Marj Ho, Ann Diemer, Diane Hansen, Ann Porcella

**Welcome and Opening Prayer:** Marielle welcomed committee and led opening prayer—For compassion and support to those suffering from mental illness.

**Speakers:** The scheduled speaker from SVDP was ill; to be reconfirmed for November. No speaker for December meeting. Speaker from Project Hope to be confirmed for early 2019, and possibly Bay Area Rescue Mission.

### **Correspondence and Agency Updates: All / Marielle**

1. Letters & Thank You Notes: All
  - a. Thank you note from Loaves and Fishes - \$500 donation.
  - b. Thank you note from Monument Crisis Center – monetary/backpacks
2. Updates: All
  - a. Project Hope (Antioch). Supports the mentally ill and those with addictions by connecting them to services. In the last fiscal year, 2,246 individuals were served. Agency primarily funded by Anka, county, and other agencies.
  - b. SPRED (Special Religious Education for Developmentally Delayed)  
This special program is available in multiple Diocese of Alameda and Contra Costa. The budget has remained constant and donations have declined. Question as to whether funding should be wholly from Diocese as it is not an outside agency.
  - c. Trinity Center – Objective: move those in need toward self-sufficiency and their own housing--a 46% success rate. Those finding employment 33% and those finding health care 89%. Model has changed from service oriented to a client advocacy focus. New building to be completed in 2019; ground just broken.
  - d. Meals on Wheels – Goal, move into Eastern Contra Costa County. Their budget and model of operation is on track; more to come at a later date.
  - e. Wells of Life – Speaker request; with a focus on Africa, this request to speak will be deferred to the greater Parish as the Outreach Committee's focus is on agencies in Contra Costa County.

## **Financial Report & Fund Distribution: Mary**

Fifth Sunday Remaining: 12/30

September closing balance with 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday income was \$9,315. This amount includes a \$1,990 discrepancy discovered in reconciling the budget due to Parish Financial report running at a different time of the month than Outreach Committee. Distributions of \$500 were made to eight agencies in September totaling \$4,000, with October donations of \$8,500 slated for 17 agencies listed in the financial sheet. Funds for Cleaning Kits for this month to be removed per Kitty. *Donation checks will be personally delivered whenever possible.*

## **Food Basket: Virginia**

Sept. 8-9 Collection – Canned meals: pasta, chili, stew for MCC.

Oct. 13-14 – Canned or dried beans (refried, pinto, black, kidney, pork & beans, baked)

## **Blue Barrel: Karen / All**

Fall Blue Barrel “Share the Warmth” Coat and Blanket Drive in progress. Karen Kalvass heading the effort for Oct. 13-14; a sign-up sheet was circulated, please contact Karen if you can support. Sorting planned on the 14<sup>th</sup> at the outdoor church pavilion with different charities arriving around 2 pm to pick up. Items donated at Saturday Mass to be stored either in Karen’s vehicle or in the church office. Karen and Sandi to coordinate on appropriate directional signage.

## **Shoes that Fit: Carol**

Willow Cove School has a “Girls on the Run” 5k training program to foster fitness and other worthwhile elements—13 requests made for athletic shoes; 6 fulfilled. Awaiting order from Los Medanos School.

## **Friendly Manor Lunch: Karen**

Last Friendly Manor lunch served Sept. 28—including a hot entrée, sides, fresh produce and rolls. They primarily receive cold sandwiches or salads, so a full meal with protein is truly appreciated. Next lunch prepared by St. Perpetua is Oct. 26. Please let Karen know if you would like to help out with serving and / or preparing the food.

## **Social Justice: Pat / All**

Social Justice at St Perpetua’s: The Sept. 20 meeting centered on organizing and identifying leadership. Ongoing discussion on what Social Justice means to different committee members continues to best clarify the definition and scope of the work.

Upcoming meetings held on the third Thursday of each month at 7 pm in the Religious Resource Center.

**Outreach Committee Administration**

Outreach Committee Roster: Mary Terjeson updated/issued a new committee email roster.

**Charity Profile Updates and Review: Homework: All**

Ongoing through beginning of 2019. Everyone to review their agencies and develop an updated agency profile sheet. The template for the profile sheet was sent by Mary T. Often the agency will fill in much of the sheet for you if provided the template. Agency liaisons should ask themselves if their agency is still deserving of being supported by the St Perpetua community. Goal for completing assignment is early 2019.

**Publicity: Sandi**

Sandi has everything she needs.

**Winter Nights: Karen**

Jan. 21-27. Signs will be up early January for support at the same Orinda church location as last year. Food, serving, tutoring and needs will be available for sign up. Contact Karen with questions.

**Announcements: All**

--Many were able to tour the new St. Perpetua Hall still under construction-- availability for hosting events TBD.

--Daffodil plantings will be in December for March sales.

**Closing Prayer: All**

The meeting was ended with the Lords' Prayer

**Next Meeting: Nov 6, 2018 Rotating Chairperson: Marielle Narkiewicz**