

ST PERPETUA OUTREACH COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 6, 2018

Members Present: Marielle Narkiewicz – Acting Chair, Sandi Gritzer, Pat Snyder, Ann Porcella, Carol Weyer, Karen Kalvass, Virginia LaFaille, Mary Terjeson, Diane Hansen, Joan Liston, Ann Diemer - Acting Treasurer, Sandi Gritzer, Heather Spellman – Acting Secretary, Guests – Jane Streich and Pat Edwards, St. Vincent de Paul at St. Francis of Assisi and Marie Ward, volunteer at Friendly Manor

Welcome and Opening Prayer: Marielle welcomed committee and led opening prayer for guidance and the Holy Spirit to help us tirelessly work to build up our community.

Speakers from St. Vincent de Paul at St. Francis of Assisi: Virginia La Faille introduced speakers from St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) at St. Francis of Assisi in Concord. Jane Streich, President and Pat Edwards, VP of Food Procurement shared information. (Specifically this is the SVDP program at the parish of St. Francis of Assisi.) The Parish SVDP funds a wide range of programs with a fairly limited budget.

Jane summarized their 2017 Annual Report—now in their 23rd year of operation with about 27 volunteers working in various capacities three days a week to provide food and other assistance to those in need along the Monument corridor and beyond. In 2017 food was provided for approximately 1,448 households; more than 6,225 individuals. They provided Thanksgiving food bags and turkeys to 150 families and Christmas food to 90 families and Adopt a Family Christmas to 65 families with about 200 children. Beautiful Easter baskets were distributed to about 100 children. Pat talked about what is involved in procuring food and from where she sources it.

In 2017 the total revenue was \$41,106 with about half of that coming from St. Francis of Assisi fifth Sunday Parish collections and the other half from donations such as from St. Perpetua and limited grants (about 10%). The total 2017 expenditures were about \$38,000. Expenses were broken down as follows: Food Procurement \$4,100, Food Gift Cards \$5,400, Holiday Programs \$7,500, Special Assistance (Rent, Utilities, etc) \$17,000 and Miscellaneous \$4,000.

Jane summarized by describing five cases she has handled in the month of October as an example of the types of assistance they provide. In four cases SVDP provided money to cover the rent to avoid eviction. In one case SVDP paid an outstanding PG&E bill to avoid having power turned off. Jane works with the revenue she has on hand and reaches out to surrounding parishes when she has needs she cannot meet with cash on hand. She said they are grateful for food and cash contributions from St. Perpetua.

They also have need of volunteers if anyone is interested in assisting--contact Jane or Pat. Jane noted that she is looking for a replacement as President and will be taking a lesser role as soon as a new President can be identified.

Correspondence & Agency Updates:

(Place copies of new update forms in binder)

Meals on Wheels – Joan Liston

Looking for a new director. They have a \$2M budget; drivers are also needed for approx. three hours, two times per week. Request to include in the bulletin.

Trinity Center – Joan Liston

Needs volunteers starting Dec. 3 through March for the evening program; one hour, one time or ongoing commitment welcome. Need people to 1) transport participants to the Armory (Civic Drive), 2) serve as floor monitors and 3) help with dinner. More info and signup details at trinitycenter.com.

Winter Nights – Karen Kalvass

Thank you for \$2,222 donation. They are in their 15th year, and St. Perpetua has supported for 14 years.

Other Agency thank yous

Thank yous for \$500 contributions from: Trinity Center, Bay Area Rescue Mission, St Marys/Friendly Manor, STAND, and Monument Crisis Center.

Financial Report – Ann Diemer

Distributions were made on the 1st; proceeds were \$1,129, with a balance of \$1,900. Next contribution will be to SPRED. Faith Formation sock purchase pending.

Food Baskets – Virginia LaFaille

Oct. 13-14 Collection: canned and dried beans totaling 38 bags .Nov. 10-11 Collection will be Masa Harina (corn meal), sugar, 5lb flour bags, and vegetable oil.

Blue Barrel – Karen Kalvass

Share the Warmth Coat and blanket drive Oct. 13, 14 a success, including contributions from Holy Shepard, with 17 tables in upper lawn used to display different sizes/ages needed for men, women, teens and children. Beneficiaries: Hillcrest Church (three vehicles full), Winter Nights, Friendly Manor, and Karen additionally drove a carload to Mendocino for community needs.

Shoes that Fit – Carol

Personalized thank you cards and a group photograph were received from beneficiary “Girls on the Run” members, 3rd – 8th grades.

Friendly Manor – Karen Kalvass/Guest Marie Ward

Latest lunch of sausage, broccoli much appreciated. SVDP is opening a year-round shelter nearby so needs will likely increase at FM. Guest Marie Ward, FM volunteer notes she is organizing a Christmas Dinner, Thursday, Dec.20 at noon. Planning a ham, sides, beverages and dessert meal. She would also like to include cosmetic gift bags. Last year funding decreased with the presiding Sister no longer there. Funding request granted for \$100-\$300, TBD, to help with event. (Friendly Manor’s prior director LaRue was promoted and Ninita Best is the new director.)

Winter Nights – Karen Kalvass

Jan. 21-27; sign ups will be Jan. 5th/6th for the same Orinda church location, for help with food, serving and tutoring.

Other Needs/Updates

Social Justice Committee – Pat

Committee has identified priorities and action items for next steps: homelessness/ Affordable Housing, Immigration, and Health Care. Next meeting Nov. 15 (third Thursdays) to implement action items.

December Food Drive – All

Targeting 300 bags be passed out starting Nov. 24/25; Dec. 1/2 pass out remaining bags while starting collections and sorting in the chapel. Dec. 8/9 finish collections and sorting. Oscar needed to place out tables – Mary T. Carol to update flyer. Beneficiaries to include SVDP, Monument Crisis Center.

Daffodil Planting – Karen

Mon., Dec. 3, 10:30- 1:30 at Karen’s home.

Closing Prayer – Our Father

Next meeting Dec. 4. Have a Great Thanksgiving!