

ST PERPETUA OUTREACH COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 4, 2018

Members Present: Marielle Narkiewicz – Acting Chair, Sandi Gritzer, Pat Snyder, Ann Porcella, Carol Weyer, Karen Kalvass, Mary Terjeson, Joan Liston, Kitty Locke, Ann Diemer - Acting Treasurer/Secretary

Welcome and Opening Prayer: Marielle welcomed committee and led opening prayer to the Holy Spirit asking for the power of good to overcome evil.

Future Speakers: Project Hope will be scheduled by Pat Snyder for early next year and Ann Porcella will check with Bay Area Rescue Mission to see if they are available to speak early in the year as well.

Correspondence & Agency Updates - All

(Place copies of new update forms in binder)

Thank you's for \$500 contributions were received from: WeCare, SPRED, STAND, Loaves and Fishes, and MOW. Also Thankyou was received from Hillcrest Church for coats and blankets from the coat drive. Mary noted that the Loaves and Fishes noted in their report that of their \$1.6 million budget 43% is donated food and 25% is donations from institutions such as St Perpetua. Pat noted that Faith Formation groups are working on putting together packages of socks and toiletries which will be delivered to Project Hope on December 17.

Financial Report – Ann Diemer

Collections in the month of November were \$838 and Donations were \$964 leaving a balance in the Outreach Account of \$1818. The group agreed to make three \$500 donations leaving a balance of \$318 in the account. The donations will go to Bay Area Crisis Nursery, Hope Conference and Loaves and Fishes.

Food Baskets – All

November 10-11 Collection of Masa Harina, sugar, flour and oil totaled 33 bags. The collection in December will be the Holiday Food Drive discussed under "Other".

Blue Barrel – All

Group discussed timing of next Blue Barrel and noted that in past the Spring blue barrel had been coordinated with Lent. Also there was a discussion of items to be collected. Diapers were mentioned and Joan mentioned that Trinity Center still has a large list of items needed. This topic was tabled till the next meeting.

Shoes that Fit – Carol

Neither school has developed a new list of shoes needed. Only 14 pairs of shoes have been requested to date this school year. There seems to be little interest in continuing the program. Carol and Marj will reach out to the schools again and try to determine why they are not providing lists of shoes needed. There was some discussion of selecting a new school to partner with.

Friendly Manor – Karen Kalvass/Guest Marie Ward

The November 30 lunch of sausage, broccoli, salad, and macaroni and cheese was much appreciated. Marie Ward, FM volunteer is organizing a Christmas Dinner, Thursday, Dec.20 at noon. Planning a ham, sides, beverages and dessert meal. Funding request granted for \$100-\$300, TBD, to help with event. Karen and helpers are also still planning to do a lunch on December 28. Please let Karen know if you are available to help on the 28th.

Winter Nights – Karen Kalvass

St. Perpetua dates to assist at the Orinda church location across from Safeway are Jan. 21-27; sign ups will be Jan. 5th/6th at all St Perpetua Masses for help with food, serving and tutoring. Karen passed around a sign up list for Committee members to be available after Mass to help with signing up volunteers. Jan Saillard is helping Karen with planning St. Perpetua support of Winter Nights.

Other Needs/Updates

Social Justice Committee – Pat and Joan

The Committee met on November 15. There will be no meeting in December. Next meeting is January 17. At the meeting Joan Liston gave a report on Homelessness and Pat Snyder gave a report on Health Care and the Single Payer concept. There was a good discussion on how to involve the parish. Pat also noted she became aware of a

group who is making a documentary of homelessness in Contra Costa County, which may be of interest when it becomes available.

Joan further reported on her work with the Multifaith Action Coalition MFAC. They are working on tenants rights issues in Concord and trying to implement a “just cause” eviction rule in Concord. The Social Justice Committee agreed to support their cause.

December Food Drive – All

Dec. 1/2 passed out remaining bags while starting collections and sorting in the chapel. There was a good turnout and about 100 bags amounting to 1000-1100 pounds of food were collected and delivered to Monument Crisis Center. Dec. 8/9 the Committee will finish collections and sorting and delivery to St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at St. Francis of Assisi in Concord. Signups for sorting and driving were confirmed. It was also noted that the cash for Turkeys box had not been put out. A signup was passed around to get volunteers to put out cash for Turkeys as well as sort the food.

Daffodil Planting – Karen

The planting is done and took place on Mon., Dec. 3, 10:30- 1:30 at Karen’s home.

Trinity Center Volunteers – Joan

The list will be in the bulletin at one of the next Masses to encourage volunteers from the parish.

Rotating Committee Chair – Marielle

Marielle noted she had completed the year as Chair and was ready to pass the baton. Mary Terjeson volunteered to Chair for the next several months.

Closing Prayer – Our Father

*******Next meeting January 8, 2019 which is second Tuesday*******

Have a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year