

ST PERPETUA OUTREACH COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 6, 2018

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

Welcome and Opening Prayer: Mary welcomed everyone to join in an opening prayer.

Speaker: Guest speaker: No Speaker Today

Future Speakers:

- Ann D will visit Options for Women tomorrow and see if they would like to come and speak
- Other ideas please tell Mary.

Correspondence and Agency Updates: All / Joan / Mary

1. We got a big thank you card from Winter Nights.
2. Mary is waiting for Loaves and Fishes interim director to get more settled in her position before inviting to speak.
3. Sandi followed up on St. Vincent DePaul and spoke with Gabriel Phillips, who directed her to another person to speak with on blue barrel items needed for their reopening following their fire in October 2017. Opening delayed to maybe April or May. Sandi will contact this person to determine what items will be needed for a possible blue barrel collection.
4. Ann D wrote up a profile on the Concord Shelter for our summary sheet, which has not been included previously. Mary will add to the agency summary sheet.

Financial Report & Fund Distribution: Ann D

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

Since the last meeting we wrote a check to Kitty and Monica, and we had money for Winter Nights from the second collection, but the office wrote additional funds to Winter Nights (\$119 more). The income was fairly low since we did not have a 5th Sunday. With this being said, we only have a balance of \$1765, making three donations for this month.

There will be three \$500 donations distributed to the following agencies, for a total of \$1500 in donations, leaving \$265 in the coffers:

1. Child Abuse Prevention Council
2. Contra Costa Food Bank

3. Food Pantry

Lower funds are ok as we will not have Shelter Dinner expenses until our kitchen is open for use and permitted.

Food Basket: Kitty / Virginia

- February update: we had 31 bags of spaghetti and pasta and 3 cases of canned goods to St. Vincent DePaul.
- March 10th and 11th: Collection – Monument CC Canned fruit / vegetables / hominy; we are also covered for drivers and deliveries

Blue Barrel: Carol

- March 17th and 18th: Trinity Center cannot take any donations due to their construction and moving, Hillcrest Church can take the donations, Project Hope and Friendly Manor will take donations of: baby wipes, new women's and men's underwear and socks
- Help needed: Distribution and Sorting – sorting needed for the different organizations. For sorting Mary will tell Christoph and see if we can use the conference room in the office. All sorting will take place March 18th after 1130 mass (approximately 12:30-12:45pm).
 - Hillcrest Church: Karen and Diane can take the items
 - Project Hope: Pat can take the items
 - Friendly Manor: Virginia can take the items

Winter Nights: Karen

The gift cards were very appreciated, and they cheered when they received the tape. Next year we will work better to get the list ahead of time so we can prepare what's needed. Each family received a target gift card.

Shoes that Fit: Carol

The Willow Cove liaison has held up the work because they need all parents to sign-off on the project and currently 26 of the sign-off from parents are still missing. Right now, we may not be able to support Willow Cove due to the delays, but we will still support Los Medanos.

Shelter Dinners: Ann D

Currently there are food service issues (from the office of public health), which actually came out in November that detailed that a year previously (in 2016) there was an incident that resulted in a death. To have a kitchen providing food to the public, it has to be accredited and certified to do so. This has resulted in the Shelter Dinners being

discontinued. Trinity Center experienced the same issue. We will wait until our kitchen is completed and try to ensure that it is classified as a commercial kitchen and that all of our volunteers are certified. One idea would be to have Ann D reach out to other churches that do the Shelter Dinners to see if we can possibly donate money to continue their dinners rather than stopping completely until our kitchen is completed.

Other: Mary / All

- Friendly Manor Lunches:
 - Fourth Fridays of every month is set-aside for St. Perpetua. Karen will start rotating people to see who can help and volunteer for a particular month and set up groups, so you know which month you will be needed to help out. Men can also serve, but the Friendly Manor will need to be notified ahead of time to prepare the facility (bathroom doors closed, etc.).
 - Next date is March 23rd.
 - Karen was also going to request \$50 per month to help with serving from Outreach, because the volunteers have signed up to help serve and not prepare the food ahead of time. Since we are not doing Shelter Dinners we could use the money we usually allocate to Shelter Dinners for this for a few months. We can also suggest that if people want to be reimbursed they submit the checks to Outreach to be paid back.
- Poor People's Campaign – A National Call for Moral Revival:
 - Christoph, as a member of the Multi-faith ACTION Coalition, forwarded information regarding this movement, asking if there was an interest in Outreach getting involved. It is a group of various faiths that are interested in focusing on a political, moral, and economic point of view more than typical outreach (like food or clothing donations).
 - Discussion held on the source of this campaign and what it's trying to accomplish. The Outreach Committee in past has not gotten involved in this type of social or moral justice efforts. However, it is good for us to be aware of activities that impact the people and agencies we support.
 - This may be something we (St. Perpetua) keep in mind. Just because we may donate to help people that does not address the root cause of the problems we face with the poor.
 - We need to discuss this further next meeting, and Joan will get some more information from the multi-faith action coalition.
- Rotating Chair:
 - Mary will bring in a sign-up sheet to the next meeting to help fill in the rest of the months for the year for rotating chair volunteers. Please consider this shared position.

Publicity: Sandi

Sandi will send another note in the next bulletin asking for volunteers to prepare and serve Friendly Manor Lunches.

Closing Prayer: All

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

Next Meeting: April 3, 2018, Chairperson will be Mary Terjeson