ST PERPETUA OUTREACH COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 3, 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, Karen Kalvass

Welcome and Opening Prayer: Mary welcomed everyone to join in an opening prayer from the visit to the charitable center of St. Patrick Parish and meeting with the homeless.

Speaker: Guest speaker: No Speaker Today
Future Speakers:
- Ann D met with Options for Women, they are currently very busy with a litigation with the Supreme Court; They will try to attend and speak at our May 1st meeting.

Correspondence and Agency Updates: All / Sandi
1. We received a letter from Birthright in Concord, which sounds similar to Options for Women. Should we consider this as a new agency or follow up with them? No one is familiar with them, but we will keep our ears open.
2. We received a thank you from We Care, RotaCare, Child Abuse Prevention Council, Contra Costa Food Bank, and Food Pantry from our donations.
3. We received a letter from LaRue, of Friendly Manor thanking us for the donation.
4. Meals on Wheels, is now changing their title: Meals on Wheels Diablo Region (mow.diabloregion.org).
5. We are still trying to contact St. Vincent de Paul on the request for donations for blue barrel- Sandi has tried to contact them a few times to figure out what we might do for the next blue barrels, she will keep trying.
6. St. Perpetua bought the most daffodils than any other parish, with 110 sold over $1,600!

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

We had electronic donations and also two private donations bringing the collection up to almost $3,000. With the fifth Sunday in April, and due to not needing funds for Shelter Dinners, we could donate to six agencies.

There will be six $500 donations distributed to the following agencies, for a total of $3,000 in donations, leaving $180 in the coffers:
1. Foster Family Network of CCC
2. Friendly Manor / St. Mary’s Center
3. Hope Conference
4. Loaves & Fishes
5. Monument Crisis Center
6. Options for Women

Food Basket: Kitty / Virginia
- March 10th and 11th: Collection – Monument Crisis Center received 29 bags and/or boxes and 9 cases of canned fruit, vegetable and hominy.
- April 14th and 15th: Collection – St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry – canned meat / fish (tuna, chicken, spam).

Blue Barrel: All
- March 17th and 18th: We received very little for the collection (mostly socks, with some underwear and some t-shirts), though the quality was very high. It was distributed to the following locations:
  - Hillcrest Church: Karen and Diane took the items
  - Project Hope: Pat took the items
  - Friendly Manor: Virginia took the items

Shoes that Fit: Carol
We recently had the collection for Willow Cove, with 18 items requested with only two not being fulfilled yet. Carol and Marj will deliver them next week. Since 2012, they have delivered 702 pair of shoes total, with 107 this school season. The largest donation was in 2014, with 174 pair; and the least was recently in 2016 with only 37 pair. They will also try to do Los Medanos before the end of the school year.

Shelter Dinners
Shelter dinners are currently on hold due to kitchen certification required by Contra Costa Health Department, which specifies that foods be prepared in a certified kitchen with certified food handlers.

Friendly Manor Lunch: Ann D / Karen
The last Friendly Manor lunch was Safeway Pizzas with cuties and salad with four volunteers. The next lunch for St. Perpetua is April 27th. Please let Karen know if you would like to help out with serving and / or preparing the food.

Other: Joan / Pat / Mary / All
- Poor People’s Campaign – A National Call for Moral Revival:
The multi-faith action coalition is considering how they may participate in this campaign. Pat has done a lot of research regarding the campaign.

The objective of the campaign is around the moral dimension on the problems we are facing regarding racism, poverty, militarism, and ecological devastation. This is all based on advocacy and does not reflect any partisan favoring.

Kickoff event in April in Washington, D.C., and this will be followed with a 40-day campaign. As the schedule runs, there will be events in Sacramento each Monday. This is a 40-day campaign of activity in at least 30 states from May 14th – June 23rd that will energize the community, raise public awareness and plant the seeds for sustained efforts in subsequent years.

The numbers from the PIT survey in March: this year there were about 1,500 homeless people and about 900, last year. This number includes more women, more children, and an increase in the number of veterans that are homeless.

The idea is to start talking about justice rather than just charity. What can we do to help? Outreach may or may not be involved as Outreach at its heart is built for charitable donations, but is there something St. Perpetua can do as a parish? Should we start a social justice committee again at the parish? To see how many people may be interested in this, as a parish we may be able to hold an interest session to see if there is somewhere we can go within the church.

- Rotating Chair:
  - Mary is sending out the volunteer list. Marielle will chair for a few months and Ann D will take notes during her chair period (likely September – December).

Publicity: Sandi
Sandi has everything she needs.

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

Next Meeting: May 1, 2018, Chairperson will be Pat Snyder.