ST PERPETUA OUTREACH COMMITTEE MINUTES
June 5, 2018

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

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

Speaker: Guest speaker: No Speaker Today

Future Speakers:
- No future speakers declared. Have a thought over summer for who might come to speak to the committee.

Correspondence and Agency Updates: All / Joan

1. Letters & Thank You Notes: All
   a. Received from praise for a visit to RotaCare.
   b. Thank you note from We Care.
   c. Thank you note from Putnam Clubhouse.
   d. Thank you note from Monument Crisis center.
   e. Thank you note from Meals on Wheels Diablo Region.
   f. End of year meeting from Winter Nights: October 8th-June 17th for next year. From this year, most families that came were unemployed and did not have any income. They all received help with resumes and since have all gotten jobs. Winter nights is bringing a little less forward in their bank account so will have a little less in their account to begin the next year. Karen will be replacing Pat as the liaison for Winter Nights.

2. Report on Housing Advocacy Meeting: Joan
   a. Held at the Walnut Creek Library on May 14th. They presented a panel with a question answer session afterward. The multi-faith action coalition was also held on May 14th and both sessions spoke about similar topics.
      i. Housing Issues: Statewide problem; countywide shows a $47 million reduction in housing funding. Problems: job-housing imbalance, homeless are moving from San Francisco to the east bay because it’s cheaper, many residents cannot earn a minimum/living wage and live in the Bay Area while also traveling to their jobs.
ii. Building Issues: many restrictions on building regulations, “not in my backyard”, rent has gone up 35% in only 5 years, some cities have ordinances to build affordable housing but they are faced with people fighting it.

iii. Homeless Issues: The biggest number of loss of homes is in the senior population, where seniors are forced out their homes, and loss of social services through the governments that used to exist. They are looking at a number of ways to handle the current number of people that are homeless. Walnut Creek has invested more than $28 million toward building affordable housing.

iv. What can we do? Look at the current bills and attend advocacy meetings. We should get to know our elected officials and vote.

3. MOW / SOS: Pat
   a. We need to determine if our donations are being used for what we intend them to do. Pat has asked if we are satisfied with the way our donations are being used? If we write our check to MOW Diablo Region it only goes to that facility. They are extending their services out to East Contra Costa (such as Brentwood), where help is needed. Could we designate that we’d like the donation to go to the east location? For now we will leave it as the checks being signed to MOW Diablo Region, because we know that those donations will be going to a good need.


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

The May income was $1,645 coming from donations. The balance in the Outreach account is $2,296.

There will be four $500 donations distributed to the following agencies, for a total of $2000 in donations, leaving $296 in the coffers:

1. Bay Area Crisis Nursery
2. Bay Area Rescue Mission
3. Winter Nights
4. Youth Homes

Food Basket: Kitty
- May 12th and 13th: Collection – Monument Crisis Center – oatmeal and cereal (unsweetened). We received 42 bags of cereal.
• June 9th and 10th: Collection – St. Vincent de Paul powdered milk, vegetable oil, Masa Harina.

Blue Barrel: All
We will have a blue barrel for backpacks for Monument Crisis Center (no blue or red) and we only need backpacks- no items to fill them. They need to be delivered by July 19th. To ensure we can make these dates, we should have the flyers printed to put into the bulletin and hold the blue barrel on June 16th, 17th, 23rd, 24th, 30th and July 1st. Sandi can deliver them to Monument Crisis as the backpacks come in.

Shoes that Fit: Carol / Marj
There will not be another donation before the end of the school year.

Shelter Dinners / Friendly Manor Lunch: Karen
The last Friendly Manor lunch was a Memorial Day weekend picnic with Italian sausage, corn on the cob, with a salad and watermelon. The next lunch prepared by St. Perpetua is June 22nd and lunch will be Sloppy Joes. Please let Karen know if you would like to help out with serving and / or preparing the food.

Other: Pat
• Social Justice at St Perpetua’s:
  o Joan and Pat have spoken with many people outside of the Outreach Committee to see if they would be interested in joining a social justice committee and they currently have 20 people signed up. They will soon send out a note for the first meeting to determine what the possibilities might be.

Publicity: Sandi
Sandi has everything she needs.

Closing Prayer: All
The meeting was ended with group prayer of the Our Father.

Next Meeting: August 7, 2018, Chairperson will be Marielle Narkiewicz.