ST PERPETUA OUTREACH COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 4, 2018

Members Present: Marielle Narkiewicz – Acting Chair, Sandi Gritzer, Pat Snyder, Ann Porcella, Carol Weyer, Diane Hansen, Kitty Locke, Marj Ho, Karen Kalvass, Mary Olowin, Virginia LaFaille, Ann Diemer – Acting Secretary, Mary Terjeson - Acting Treasurer

Welcome and Opening Prayer: Marielle welcomed everyone and led opening prayer—Prayer to the Holy Spirit—help us to put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil and the power of Love to overcome hatred.

Future Speakers: Virginia LaFaille has lined up St Vincent de Paul to speak at the October meeting. Pat Snyder is contacting Project Hope to speak at the November meeting, but this has not been confirmed. Ann Porcella will contact Bay Area Rescue Mission regarding speaking early in 2019.

Correspondence and Agency Updates: All / Marielle
1. Letters & Thank You Notes: All
   a. Thank you note Youth Homes for $500 donation.
   b. Thank you note Child Abuse Prevention Council for $500 donation.
   c. Thank you note Friendly Manor for toiletries.
2. Upcoming Events
3. CCIH – A flyer listing volunteer opportunities through CCIH and Blue Barrel collection possibilities was passed around. The Parish supports CCIH through annual tithing as well.

Financial Report & Fund Distribution: Mary
Fifth Sundays Remaining: 9/30 and 12/30

August income was $4104, which includes a single donation of $3000 that came in in early September but has been included in the August total for the purposes of this meeting. Donations in August were $1500 in cash donations to charities plus $64 reimbursement for a Friendly Manor lunch. The balance in the Outreach account at end of August including $3000 donation is $4547.

Mary recommended spending down the balance to $547 since there will be a fifth Sunday collection in September to replenish the coffers. This will allow eight $500
donations distributed to the following agencies in September, for a total of $4000 in donations:

1. St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry
2. Foster Family Network
3. Friendly Manor/St. Mary’s Center
4. Hope Conference
5. Loaves and Fishes
6. Monument Crisis Center
7. Options for Women
8. Project Hope

**Food Basket: Virginia**

- Aug.- PB&J and crackers for SVDP – Collections were improved over July with 34 bags collected!
- Sept. – Canned meals such as pasta, chili and stew for Monument Crisis Center

**Blue Barrel: Karen / All**

The Fall Blue Barrel will be for “Share the Warmth” Coat and Blanket Drive. Karen Kalvass is taking the lead as she has for the last several years. The logistics are a little more problematic with the ongoing construction so there was some general discussion about logistics. The collections will take place October 13-14. Karen is planning to do all the sorting on the 14th at the outdoor church pavilion and the different charities will arrive around 2 pm to pick up the items designated for them. Items donated at the Saturday Mass will need to be stored over night either in Karen’s vehicle or in the church office. Karen will think a bit more about logistics on drop off locations and work with Carol on publicity. A sign up sheet to assist with sorting will be passed out at the next Outreach meeting on October 2.

**Shoes that Fit: Carol / Marj**

Marj emailed both schools, Los Medanos and Willow Cove, and they both want to continue to participate in the program. Willow Cove has promised a list of shoes needed by mid September. No specific commitment has been received from Los Medanos. Marj is hopeful she will have lists of shoes needed from both schools ready to go for the parish to get engaged in early October.
Friendly Manor Lunch: Karen
Last Friendly Manor lunch of Macaroni and Cheese, Meat Loaf and Broccoli and Tomatoes was August 24 serving approximately 30—group truly appreciates a hot meal with protein and especially liked the fresh tomatoes. Next lunch prepared by St. Perpetua is Sept 28. Please let Karen know if you would like to help out with serving and / or preparing the food.

Other: Pat / All
• Social Justice at St Perpetua’s: The August 30th meeting was well attended. Its focus was organization and leadership. Buzz Sherwood has chaired the initial meetings. The group liked the idea that the Outreach Committee has adopted of distributed leadership. A new attendee, Jarred Lauber, has volunteered to chair the next several meetings. The homework for the next meeting is to think out what does Social Justice mean to each member of the Committee. The next meeting will be September 20, 2018. This is close to the previous meeting in order to settle on a routine date and time for meetings. Going forward they will be held on the third Thursday of each month at 7 pm in the Religious Resource Center.

• Multi-Faith Action Coalition (MFAC): The annual meeting of MFAC was held on August 29 with several hundred persons in attendance. The meeting included a speaker and then focused on reports by the Four Task Forces, which deal with Housing, Education, Food Security, and Health Care. In addition a new Task Force has been added to consider Racial Justice. Pat Snyder commented she was very impressed with the dedication of the chairpersons and the things they have accomplished over the last year. Our own Christoph is the chair of the Housing Task Force. Joan Liston is a member and sent out a summary of the last meeting of the Task Force to the Outreach Committee prior to our Tuesday meeting, as she was unable to attend. Pat suggested that Joan report out on the Housing Task Force at the next Outreach Committee meeting.

• Outreach Committee Roster: Mary Terjeson has been attempting to determine if the persons who do not regularly attend the Committee meetings would like to still receive minutes and other communications. This is an ongoing effort and Mary will continue to pursue and work with Carol Weyer to update the Committee Roster.

• Charity Profile Updates and Review: Marielle Narkiewicz recalled that there had been some discussion at a previous meeting about updating Charity Profiles and ensuring that all of the charities on our list are still worthy of our support. The group agreed that this would be a good “homework” assignment as noted below!
Homework: All

Everyone should review the agencies they are assigned and develop an updated agency profile sheet. The template for the profile sheet is attached. Often the agency will fill in much of the sheet for you if you provide them with the template. The guidelines for supporting our agencies are also attached. Agency liaisons should ask themselves if their agency is still deserving of being supported by the St Perpetua community. Goal for completing assignment is early 2019.

Publicity: Sandi
Sandi has everything she needs.

Closing Prayer: All
The meeting was ended with the Lords’ Prayer

Next Meeting: Oct 2, 2018 Rotating Chairperson: Marielle Narkiewicz