

## ST PERPETUA OUTREACH COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 8, 2019

**Members Present:** Mary Terjeson – Acting Chair, Marielle Narkiewicz, Sandi Gritzer, Pat Snyder, Ann Porcella, Carol Weyer, Karen Kalvass, Virginia LaFaille, Diane Hansen, Joan Liston, Ann Diemer - Acting Treasurer, Heather Spellman – Acting Secretary, Kitty Locke, Mary Olowin, and new member Bridget Teranen.

**Welcome and Opening Prayer:** Prayer for support and compassion for the homeless and destitute in our community.

**Speaker from Project Hope:** Rebecca Sanders handling family emergency; to be rescheduled. Next meeting: Bay Area Rescue Mission (BARM).

### **Correspondence & Agency Updates:**

*(REMINDER: agency updates due on committee forms by April meeting.*

*Financial & Blue Barrel Guidelines and blank Profile sheet for agency evaluations sent by separate email. Will discuss at next meetings what areas to focus on for the upcoming agency reviews.).*

### Agency thank yous

Loaves and Fishes, \$500, (serves 650 – 700 meals per day; over 1,200 people use the services offered); BARM, \$400 – Cash for Turkeys, (provided 35,000 meals in 2018).

St. Mary's Center apologized profusely for omitting recognition of St. Perpetua's donations in their annual report, confirmed the St. P donations are in their data base, and will work to see it does not happen in future.

### **Financial Report – Ann Diemer**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sundays in 2019: 3/31, 6/30, 9/29, 12/29**

Year-end collections \$38,606; \$42k distributed including prior year carryover donations.

Year-end balance as of Dec. 31, \$2,352

Current available for distribution as of Jan. 4th \$4,664 (includes Jan. 2 and Jan. 4 collections). This allows for eight donations of \$500 each for a total of \$4,000, if we maintain \$664 balance in the account. Taking into account the total annual donations for 2018 to the various agencies and attempting to be equitable, Ann Diemer suggested starting with the following eight charities for January 2019 donations. CCIC, Child Abuse Prevention Council, Food Pantry SVDP, Foster Family Network, Friendly Manor, Hope

Conference, Loaves and Fishes and Monument Crisis Center. The Committee agreed after some discussion. Kitty Locke will hand deliver the Hope Conference check, Sandi Gritzer will hand deliver the Monument Crisis Center check and Virginia LaFaille will hand deliver the Friendly Manor check. Ann will request that these three checks be held at the office and the remaining five checks be mailed.

Since no Camp Fire donation was sent to victims of Paradise disaster, committee approved a donation in February through a special collection; Mary Terjeson to discuss with Fr. John for approval and announcement.

### **Food Baskets – Virginia LaFaille**

December Food Drive and Cash for turkeys - \$761

Over 1 ton of food collected (over 215 food bags); distributed to agencies including St. Vincent De Paul and Monument Crisis Center.

### **Blue Barrel – All**

**Fall Coat/Blanket Drive:** An enormous outpouring of items donated; beneficiaries -- Friendly Manor, Hillcrest Church Clothes Closet, Winter Nights, and Mendocino school children (elementary, middle school & high school).

**Winter Items** to include new underware and socks, baby wipes and diapers.

Date: two weekends, March 9/10 and 16/17. Collection and drop off logistics TBD.

### **Shoes that Fit – Carol**

No new report; 715 pairs given out since inception in 2012. Have not received the expected response from schools; may consider new recipients more in need or receptive to this program.

### **Friendly Manor – Karen**

St. Perpetua parishioner Marie Ward appreciated servers/support from Outreach Committee for holiday luncheon Dec. 20. The menu of ham, potatoes, corn, salad, rolls, beverages and desserts adjusted to serve 48 women from a planned total of 28! Karen provided holiday mugs filled with treats while Marie created cosmetic gift bags. Funding request granted. Karen also coordinated Christmas time meal Dec. 28 of pork loin, cauliflower, and decorate-your-own cupcakes. The homeless women attending the meals were extremely grateful for the delicious fare, service and gifts. The facility is supported by funding from/through St. Mary's Center.

For 2019, there is no SVDP (next door to Friendly Manor), meal service Mondays, so it may be a better day to provide at FM. Karen to investigate.

### **Winter Nights – Karen**

Jan. 21-26; sign ups complete; service roles filled and a generous response for goods, gift cards and cash. Same location as last year; Orinda Community Church, **10 Irwin Way, Orinda**. Drop off items either at **Orinda Community Church between 4:30 and 5:15**, or earlier at **Karen's home, 55 Corte del Caballo (925-285-4669) in Moraga by 4pm**. Coolers on Karen's front steps. Please use disposable, recyclable containers for food. For soup, use crockpot with your name and phone number so it may be returned.

### **Other Needs/Updates**

Social Justice Committee – Pat. No December meeting; next meeting is Jan. 17, to resume focus on target areas of affordable housing, homelessness, and immigration. Point in Time homeless survey to be conducted last week of February, volunteer information was distributed.

Trinity Center – Joan. Weekday slots available for Winter Program; signup online including 2-hour and more options for servers and drivers between temp location near Kaiser Walnut Creek and Armory on Civic near Library; a short distance.

St. Mary's Benefit Gala – March 9 - Karen; supports Friendly Manor.

New Year Annual Report data – Mary coordinating figures. 80 Cleaning kits. Socks TBD.

Publicity – Sandi. Needs are met

### **Closing Prayer – Our Father**

**Next meeting Feb. 5, Happy Chinese New Year of the Pig!**