

## St. Perpetua Outreach Committee Meeting

October 1, 2019

Members Present: Pat Snyder (Chair), Mary Terjeson, Dee Dee Hansen, Heather Keith Spellman (acting scribe), Karen Kalvass, Ann Porcella, Ann Diemer, Joan Liston, Kitty Locke, Sandi Gritzer, Marj Ho

Welcome and Prayer: Pat welcomed everyone and began with an opening prayer.

Speaker: We Care Executive Director Pete Caldwell and Associate Erica Williamson provided an impactful overview of their organization's work. The mental health services organization based in Concord seeks to address early childhood trauma, neglect and abuse, and identification of disorders that may manifest later in life. Studies suggest interventions with children at risk before age 3 – 5 may help issues later ranging from ADD and anxiety disorders to conduct, depression, PTSD and autism. Originally formed in Contra Costa County by parent groups with children having few to no social services options, today the organization provides counseling services (child, family and caregiver) and school settings to those referred by schools, pediatricians, social services and other sources.

Next Speaker Jan – Friendly Manor, Yani Heyman

### Correspondence and Agency Updates:

- Trinity Center is seeking ongoing help shuttling its members; see website for specific needs and schedule. Trinity Center moved out of their initial temporary location at 1271 S. California Blvd. They have been offered a 2<sup>nd</sup> temporary space at 1300 Boulevard Way until **Nov. 24**, which is their target date to move into St. Paul's Commons
- Virginia LaFaille has decided to step down from the ORC. Her dedication and support for our committee and her agencies is greatly appreciated. She will be missed. Her agencies will be assigned to other members who are interested.

### Agency Evaluations

Continuing discussion on agencies based on Mary's spreadsheet for comparison of services, budgets, direct service and fundraising/administrative percentages, and funding sources. Well-funded agencies, possibly the first seven listed on the spreadsheet, may be adjusted down, i.e. a minimum of \$1,000 vs normal annual funding of \$1500 - \$2000, in order to provide more to vulnerable groups with lower budgets. A suggestion was made if an agency received less money, we should consider not requiring them to come speak at our meeting in future. We also need to keep in mind that sources and percentage of funding along with the uniqueness of services offered should be considered in our decisions/discussions. St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at St. Francis church, Bay Area Crisis Nursery, and CCIC continue to be watched given changes in their top management and/or other potential administrative weakness. The idea of creating a special reserve fund was tentatively shelved as crisis needs are likely met by special donations, and existing funds can be used for immediate needs at hand. In preparation for the next discussion, committee members are asked to consider which agencies might be chosen to routinely receive smaller donations, based on data from the spreadsheet.

### Financial Report:

Ann Diemer presented the Financial Report, noting income/collections of \$4,575 with a prior balance of \$1,000 leaving a balance of \$5,195. Nine donations made in October of \$500 each: Options for Women,

Project Hope, Putnam Clubhouse, MOW Diablo, Rotacare, SHARE, Shelter Inc., Stand For Families Free of Violence, and Trinity Center.

Food Basket: September collection delivered to St. Vincent de Paul. October collection Oct 12/13 is for canned beans or dried beans to be taken to Monument Crisis Center by Jim Fulton.

Blue Barrel:

The next Blue Barrel was from our annual Coat Drive Oct. 19 and 20. The theme is *Share the Warmth* where coats, hats, gloves, blankets, etc. were collected and delivered to agencies.

Shoes That Fit:

Marj reported that Willow Cove placed orders for 24 and 17 pairs have already been fulfilled. Schools will be asked to help communicate that replacements will be made in the event shoes do not fit for any reason.

Winter Nights

Our week Nov. 4-10. Just Faith group will do Nov 7. Sandi will put the announcement in the bulletin. Contact Karen if still interested and you were unable to sign up earlier.

Friendly Manor:

Fourth Friday of each month for approximately 30 women. September 27 Friendly Manor had a picnic lunch at a local park; City of Oakland provided transport. St. Perpetua provided hamburgers leftover from Fr. John's party. St. Mary's hoping for more oversight for this agency following the departure of the presiding sister. Ongoing help needed, contact Karen. New director is doing a good job establishing rules and procedures.

Shelter Dinners: Starting up again, St P will provide meals the Third Monday of each month. Oct-Dec appears to be covered. Our St. Perpetua kitchen is certified and ready.

Other:

- Mary will revise the Outreach Committee Volunteer Opportunities list; a helpful guide to parishioners of volunteer opportunities with the committee. Lower portion is longer description of administrative and committee member duties, and probably of less interest to non-members of committee. Top portion may be included in the bulletin, posted to the website, TBD. Mary to provide updated version for next meeting.
- November is Homeless Month. Pat has copies of the video 211 Seeking Shelter, which are available for community organizations for public education. Please identify uses for the video. Sixteen copies were delivered to Karen for use by Winter Nights' congregations.
- Karen asked about an ongoing single item Blue Barrel for Friendly Manor. Opinions mixed. Many items needed are more cost effective bought in bulk. TBD.

Closing Prayer: We ended the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting will be November 5 at 7:30 pm in the Parish Office. Vote before the meeting!