

## St. Perpetua Outreach Committee Meeting

November 5, 2019

Members Present: Marielle Narkiewicz (Acting Chair), Mary Terjeson, Dee Dee Hansen, Heather Keith Spellman (Acting Scribe), Ann Porcella, Joan Liston, Kitty Locke, Sandi Gritzer, Marj Ho, Carol Weyer

Welcome and Prayer: Marielle welcomed everyone and began with an opening prayer for the homeless and destitute, in recognition of National Homeless Awareness Month.

No Speaker Next presentation will be Jan. with Yani Heyman, new Director, Friendly Manor

### Correspondence and Agency Updates:

- We Care sent thanks for the opportunity to present last month
- MOW – Diablo Region, sent thanks for \$500 Oct. contribution; still have interim director
- Trinity Center sent thanks for \$500 Oct. contribution
- Shelter Inc. sent thanks for \$500 Oct. contribution, and to Fr. John for an evening of serving and for his attending their benefit.
- Virginia LaFaille appreciated our acknowledging her many years of dedication and support of the Outreach Committee.
- ANKA Behavioral Health went bankrupt and returned our check. Some factions of ANKA remain as Bay Area Community in Service. Project Hope within ANKA is discontinued.
- MOW- Diablo Region, and CCIC (Cleaning Kits) request extra 2020 calendars

Agency Evaluations: **Decision pending to reduce funding (\$1,000 vs \$1,500 or more) for larger, more generously funded agencies—the first 1-10 listed on agency review recap, in order to provide more funds to vulnerable groups with lower budgets.** 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.

\*\*\*AGENCY LIAISONS OF THE TOP 1-10 on list WILL BE ASKED TO RECOMMEND AT THE NEXT MEETING WHETHER THEY SUPPORT THE DECISION OR PREFER TO KEEP AT CURRENT LEVEL OF FUNDING. See attachment. \*\*\*

Financial Report: Mary T. presented the Financial Report, noting a balance of \$1,511 with \$969 in October receipts. In October we received a Shelter Dinner check request for \$153.57 which was not included in last month's recap. ANKA returned the last check we sent for \$500 since they declared bankruptcy. This increased the balance amount to \$2,011. Given this, 3 agencies will receive \$500 each this month- We Care, Youth Homes, and Bay Area Crisis Nursery. Note since Winter Nights receipts to date were already over \$2,000 and there was a recent parish collection for the current program running the first week of November it was decided to skip them this month and give to those with only \$1,000 in distributions to date. Winter Nights can be considered for distribution next month Next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Dec. 29.

Christmas Food Drive: Hand out bags - Nov. 30, Dec. 1. Take in donations Dec. 7/8 and 14/15. Sort and group the Monday following each donation weekend, Dec. 9/16. Sign up sheet circulated for above weekend activities. Christoph noted space in Foyer between Great Hall and outdoor patio area should be available. Carol to do flyer for Nov. 23/24. Cash for Turkeys donation box to be out the two weekends food is collected.

Food Basket: Prior month to Monument Crisis Center, 36 heavy bags. Nov. 9/10 donations of Masa Harina, sugar, flour, vegetable oil to be delivered to St. Vincent de Paul. Coordinator needed to replace Virginia; revisit in January. Al and Jim likely still to be available as drivers.

Blue Barrel: Annual Coat Drive Oct. 19 and 20 produced an even better response than last year. (Included hats, gloves, blankets, sweaters, and other clothing) Good venue for sorting (outside patio area next to St. Francis room). Thanks to all who helped. Items given only to organizations that give directly to needy at no cost. Hillcrest Clothes Closet and Trinity Center received the largest amounts. Winter Nights families, Friendly Manor and others also benefited.

Shoes That Fit: Marj reported Willow Cove orders delivered. One child may need replacement size. Students encouraged to try on before leaving. Los Medanos should be requesting soon.

Winter Nights: Our week Nov. 4-10 was a success; thanks to all who helped. Just Faith group did Nov 7. One baby born Nov. 3, another is due any time. A complete report to be given in Dec.

Friendly Manor: Nov. 4 we served Sloppy Joes, sides and root beer floats; greatly appreciated. Upcoming Nov. 22 lunch coordinated by Marielle. Dec. 20 will be Christmas Luncheon coordinated by Parishioner Marie Ward, with a plated dinner including ham, potatoes, salad, rolls and dessert. Two more volunteers needed. \$100 donation approved. Ongoing help needed, contact Karen. New director is doing a good job establishing rules and procedures.

Daffodil bulb planting to support Friendly Manor is Monday, Dec. 2., at 10am, approximately 3-4 hours. Prior helpers have health issues. Sign up circulated; see Karen if available.

An ongoing Blue Barrel item to supply FM, such as TP, was voted down as too bulky and a better cost efficiency bought in large quantities.

Shelter Dinners: Started again in new space, St P will provide meals the third Monday of each month. Oct-Dec. covered. Last was a Taco Bar and servers noted, "such a treat to dish up such deliciousness!" For future interest, servers must be certified online.

Other: Review of Mary's revised Outreach Committee Volunteer Opportunities; now a 1-pager; agency and project liaisons will be added to better connect those interested in helping.

Publicity: Needs are met.

Closing Prayer: We ended the meeting with a Hail Mary.

Next meeting will be Dec. 3 at 7:30 pm in the Parish Office, Marielle presiding.