

## ST PERPETUA OUTREACH COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 5, 2019

**Members Present:** Mary Terjeson – Acting Chair, Sandi Gritzer, Pat Snyder, Ann Porcella, Carol Weyer, Karen Kalvass, Diane Hansen, Joan Liston, Ann Diemer - Acting Treasurer, Heather Spellman – Acting Secretary, Kitty Locke and visiting parishioner Mary Kay Wilcock.

**Welcome and Opening Prayer:** Prayer for the neglected, elderly, homeless, and others with no one to care for them in our community.

**Speaker from Bay Area Rescue Mission, Director John Anderson.**

Third visit; six years since last presentation. Earlier in his life John himself struggled with addiction and became homeless; his life was transformed through San Diego Rescue Mission. U.S. Rescue Missions, founded in 1872, are based on a Scottish model. They are older than Salvation Army and Red Cross. Mission: “Transforming Lives.”

Summary: Non-denominational, privately-funded organization. Coordinates with other U.S. missions, but separately funded and functioning independently. Since opening, Richmond BARM has provided men, women and children with 3,450,000 beds for the night, 2,650,000 meals and brought 110 to faith in the Savior. Their food pantry distribution system handles five million items/year and helps serve 50 other non-profits. Across the Bay Area they have 28,000 donors/supporters for a \$5M annual budget covering 45 full-time-employees and 400 volunteers.

Client profiles: most have no high school education and/or have not developed a work ethic; 70-80% have substance abuse and/or mental health issues. BARM works with Contra Costa Mental Health Services weekly to help clients.

Three primary tracks for those in need:

- 1) Short-term emergency services; meals, clothing, hygienic services and counseling as needed, up to 90 days. Chapel services prior to meals
- 2) Long-term Program up to a year. Jobs skills assessment/training, life skills, family/legal/financial counseling, and court advocacy. Their culinary training program is nationally recognized; e.g. Catahoula Coffee Shop.
- 3) Transitional Program, additional year. Includes discipleship, training and returning to society. Metrics: 70% in 3rd track (who remain in CA and can be contacted) leave with a job, their own housing, and remain sober.

New Projects – Adding new \$4M building in 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> quarter for 120 additional beds to accommodate more single men; and 114 more beds for women and children. They turned away 3,000/yr for last five years due to lack of space. Additional goals: more centers over five years. Storefront-style models for meals and shelter.

**Correspondence & Agency Updates:**

*REMINDER: agency updates due by April meeting. See meeting handout or Jan. 31 email attachment on questions/areas to consider for agency reviews. Further discussion needed on main items/information to include for a consistent review format of all agencies. Committee may re-categorize agencies under primary function or add category for integrated models and longer-term solutions. Current categories: Food, Shelter, Children, Support Services. Recommended that fund raising costs be included with overall administration and the combined % be less than 20 - 25.*

***Send updated directors/contacts to Ann Diemer to facilitate check processing.***

**We Care** agency requests time with us; their clientele has doubled. Assist children with special needs and provide services to foster kids in transition.

**Bay Area Crisis Nursery** – Their presiding sister retired; interim director, Stuart McCullough. Request inclusion in St. P. bulletin; Marj to follow up.

**Loaves and Fishes** – has 2-year culinary training program; some transition to DVC.

**Financial Report – Ann Diemer**

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

**Summary**

- Steady increase in collections/donations over past three years
- \$716 discrepancy between the Committee and office accounting needs to be reconciled. Office showing balance \$716 higher, indicating possibly an additional deposit not included in spread sheet. Ann D. to follow up w/Wendy Levich.

Current balance/distributions: Current balance is \$2,945 not including \$716 in question; there will be four \$500 donations to: Putnam Clubhouse, Options for Women, Project Hope and MOW Diablo Region. Kitty also will submit for reimbursement for cleaning kits for CCIC and Karen will submit for some additional Winter Nights expenses.

February 16/17 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Collection Beneficiary – 2<sup>nd</sup> collection approved for Camp Fire victims via local Catholic Charities. Announced at Mass and run in bulletin.

### **Food Baskets**

January collection: SVDP Food Pantry – 46 bags of soup

February collection: March 9/10, Monument Crisis Center: pasta, sauces

### **Blue Barrel - All**

March 9/10 and 16/17 – new underwear, socks, baby wipes and diapers to usual beneficiaries including Trinity Center. Winter Nights may need baby wipes and diapers.

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

### **Shoes that Fit – Carol**

34 requests made and 24 fulfilled to Willow Cove School. Still no response from Los Madones; TBD on a new beneficiary, either Catholic or low-income public school. Let Marj know if you have a school to consider.

### **Friendly Manor – Karen**

Jan. 25 meal adapted from Winter Nights leftovers; lasagna and soup, bread, salad.

Next is Feb. 22 led by Heather Spellman.

### **Winter Nights – Karen**

Extended Sept – June; extra six weeks. Two pregnant moms-to-be in program.

Suggestion made for another Winter Nights collection since Hall kitchen not available for Pasta Feed that has supported this agency in past. Noted that an extra donation had been provided in earlier distribution in error. Further discussion at next meeting.

### **Other Needs/Updates**

Social Justice Committee – Pat. Point in Time homeless survey conducted last week of January, some St P parishioners participated. Buzz Sherwood reported on Schools of America, Border Patrol.

Just Faith - Feb. 11, 7pm sample session to put Faith into Action. Resource for groups involved in social justice.

Rossmoor Social Justice Fair – Thurs., Mar. 14, 1-4pm.

Sponsored by Friends of Mt. Diablo Peace and Social Justice Center. Learn about organizations and projects dedicated to the ideals of liberty and justice for all, from school tutoring in low income areas, to women's rights and immigration issues. Contact Sara Spence 925-942-0564 for more info.

New Year Annual Report completed and issued in bulletin end of January.

Publicity – Sandi. Needs are met

**Closing Prayer – Hail Mary**

**Next meeting MARCH 5**