

St. Perpetua Outreach Committee Meeting

March 5, 2019

Members Present: Mary Terjeson (Chair), Dee Dee Hansen (Acting Secretary), Sandi Gritzer, Karen Kalvass, Ann Porcella, Ann Diemer, Marielle Nakiewicz, Joan Liston, Kitty Locke, Carol Weyer, Pat Snyder

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

Speaker: Unfortunately, the speaker from Project Hope did not arrive to present information about the agency.

Correspondence and Agency Updates:

- Mary shared an update from Shelter, Inc. The agency is starting a new shelter in Solano County (taking over an existing shelter) to serve the Fairfield area. The group felt that we should continue supporting Shelter, Inc. located in Martinez and let them use the funds according to the needs as they see it.
- Thank You Letters were received from Meals on Wheels (Diablo Region) and from Monument Crisis Center.

Mary created and distributed a new Agency Profile form. Overall the group liked the new format with some minor changes. It will be used for future updates and new agencies. Agency profiles that are two years or older should be updated, preferably with the new form, if not already completed. Two years is 2017 or older. The new, tweaked form (by Mary) will be sent out with the minutes.

Financial Report: Ann Deimer presented the Financial Report. In working with Wendy and reconciling the ledger, they discovered there was an extra \$716 from Cash for Turkeys. A total of \$3632 was taken in and given out for the fire victims in Paradise. In reviewing the statement, an extra \$150 was discovered on the ledger that should also be donated to the Fire in Paradise. The current balance on the ledger is \$2980. Even subtracting the \$150 there are sufficient funds for distribute \$500 to the next five agencies on the agency list. Since Shelter Dinners is suspended for the time being, the next five are: RotaCare; Shelter, Inc.; STAND; Trinity Center.

Food Basket: Sandi reported that 36 bags of pasta and sauce were collected the weekend of February 9 and 10. Donations in February were delivered to Monument Crisis Center. March 9 and 10 is the next Food Basket collection.

Blue Barrel: This month's Blue Barrel has been well advertised! The decision was to sort in the conference room beginning at 12:30 pm on 3/17. Once the collection has been sorted, it can be distributed to the appropriate agencies. Those volunteering to sort include: Karen, Sandi, Melly, and Dee Dee.

Shoes That Fit: Carol reported that 18 names were submitted by Willow Cove and all were taken by parish members last weekend. We will still reach out to Los Medanos School to offer shoes if needed by their students. The grand total of shoes donated since 2017 is 760 pairs!

Friendly Manor: Karen shared that a well-received Valentine's lunch that included making valentines and decorating cookies was held on February 12. On February 22, 19-20 ladies enjoyed a hot lunch provided by St. Perpetua. Concern was expressed over the decline of women attending the meals at Friendly Manor, down to 25-30 from 40-45. Karen said that Friendly Manor is still searching for a new Director. When this position is filled, hopefully more homeless women will take advantage of Friendly Manor. The next date to serve lunch is March 22.

Winter Nights: Karen reported on Winter Nights. The idea of a second collection was raised since we no longer have a pasta feed fundraiser. The idea was tabled until we know the availability of the hall, kitchen, certification and training of participants. Additional funding is needed for Winter Nights with their expansion of services. The shelter program is extending the dates to follow the school-year calendar; this decision will provide greater consistency for the children's education. Services also have been expanded to a Parking Lot Program that provides both security and bathroom facilities to individuals/families who are sleeping in their cars at night.

Other:

- Social Justice Update: Pat reported that the committee will offer the Just Faith Program to the parish community in September. Several members of the committee as well as other interested parish members will be part of the 8-week program. The committee has embraced three issues (Housing, Healthcare, and Immigration). Buzz Sherwood reported on immigration activities and his work helping to monitor concerning Border Patrol activities. Christoph updated the parish on the Social Justice Committee through a short article in March 1st issue of the Timely Perpetuan. He will continue to share and educate the parish through the online newsletter. Time and date of the monthly meetings were listed to encourage more parish participation.
- Daffodils: Karen reported on the daffodil sale to benefit Friendly Manor. Daffodils were sold this past weekend (March 2&3) at the church before and after Mass. More will be available the weekend of March 9&10. Karen will update on the sale at the next meeting.

Publicity: No additional information needed at this time.

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

Next meeting will be April 2 at 7:30 pm in the Parish Office.