

St. Perpetua Outreach Committee Meeting

June 4, 2019

Members Present: Mary Terjeson (Chair), Dee Dee Hansen, Heather Keith-Spellman (Acting Scribe), Ann Diemer (Treasurer), Marielle Narkiewicz, Kitty Locke, Marj Ho, Carol Weyer, Pat Snyder, Joan Liston and Sandi Gritzer.

Welcome and Prayer: Mary opened the meeting with a prayer to help us trust in the power of good to overcome evil, and the power of love to overcome hatred.

Speakers: Youth Home, Director Candy Espino and Board Member Gary Parkhurst

Guest speakers shared recap of Youth Homes, leading residential care provider for foster children in Contra Costa County. St. Perpetua has supported organization for 20 years, providing \$21k in donation dollars. Agency focuses on helping homeless youth with a trauma-informed approach, seeking root causes and providing therapeutic interventions. Focus on quickly moving children into stable homes when possible, maintaining residences for others, providing: mental health support, basic life skills building, advocacy, and employment support via resume building, interviewing skills, and employer connections/subsidies; 76% of their kids stay in new jobs after three months. They report many youth do not feel valued or they do not have a voice. Their enrichment programs help bolster feelings of value, having a voice, build relationships, and include: gardening/cooking; photography; horse therapy with abused animals.

Next Open House and Tour, Sept 26, 10am-noon. Call 925.933.2627 for tour signup, volunteering or information.

Upcoming Speakers: Sept. – Contra Costa Interfaith Coalition; Oct. - We Care; Nov. - Foster Family

Correspondence and Agency Updates

Thank Yous:

Trinity Center (\$500) est. move in to new facility, October

Loaves and Fishes (\$500)

Winter Nights (\$500) program concluded two weeks early due to all families finding housing

Foster Family Network (\$500) Helped provide swimming time and visits to Lindsey Wildlife Museum

Youth Homes (\$500)

Putnam Clubhouse (\$500)

Monument Crisis Center (MCC) (\$500 and food)

CCIC (\$200 gift cards)

St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Food Bank - food

Action Item: Profiles still needed from RotaCare and Friendly Manor.

Agency Evaluation: Kudos to Mary for reordering agency list to more easily evaluate budgets, services, administration, goals. Discussion continued; focused time at August meeting. Goal – determine: stability, how many we want to support, that missions and activities align to Outreach Committee guidelines (Families and Children, Food, Housing, and Support Services) and what level of impact we want to make. Same number, more or less?

Several agencies rely on one source for more than 75% of support, a riskier mix. Most agencies have less than 25% allotted to administration/fundraising, which is the recommended benchmark for evaluating charities by Charity Navigator. Clarity needed on what the numbers mean for several, i.e. Contra Costa Food Bank has a larger budget yet it adds estimated monetary value of food donations, which is about 83% of budget, whereas it is not clear if other agencies include the full value of in-kind donations in their financials.

Financial Report: Ann Diemer

Donations - \$3,700; Income- \$1,719 Balance = \$2,413 available for June Donations. The group agreed to make four donations of \$500 each, leaving \$413 in the Outreach account.

June beneficiaries: Meals on Wheels (MOW) Diablo Region, Rotacare, SHARE, and Shelter Inc. Pat to deliver Rotacare and Heather to deliver Shelter Inc. checks in person.

June 30 is a 5th Sunday

Food Baskets (Virginia recuperating from surgery—best wishes for recovery!)

May 11/12 collection of 35 bags of oatmeal/cereal to SVDP Food Pantry.

June 8/9 collection: veg. oil, powdered milk, masa harina to MCC; Foyer is delivery area.

Blue Barrel: Back packs to be collected for MCC. Publicity handled by Sandi and Carol; flyer to be placed on Blue Barrel to clarify donations. Collection: June 22/23, and 29/30. Sandi to delivery to MCC

Shoes That Fit: Marj and Carol

Program concluded for this school year. Fewer requests from Las Medanos. Willow Cove accounted for most requests of 79 pairs. Thank yous to parishioners from children for their contribution on display in the vestibule. Heartfelt and great to see; be sure to view.

Friendly Manor: 4th Friday of each month. Approximately 15. Last was May 31 (moved a week); next is June 28. Upcoming server, Marielle.

Other: Social Justice Update: Mission statement in review; final version to appear in bulletin.

Publicity: No additional information needed at this time.

No July Meeting; happy summer break. Next meeting Aug. 6, at 7:30 pm in the Parish Office.