

ST PERPETUA OUTREACH COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 4, 2020

Members Present: Joan Liston, Heather Spellman (acting recorder), Sandi Gritzer, Pat Snyder (Chairperson), Ann Porcella, Mary Terjeson, Carol Weyer, Diane Hansen, Ann Diemer

Welcome and Opening Prayer: Pat welcomed everyone to join in an opening prayer.

Speaker: Guest speaker: Janette Kennedy, Loaves and Fishes.

Provides community-based food programs and partner services for basic health, hot and nutritious meals and food pantry. Audience: low-income families, seniors and homeless (approx..44-46%,) Yearly: 133,255 meals, 357 tons of groceries, 100 volunteers. No intake requirements, Serves approx. 800 daily, Monday-Friday lunches at four locations: Antioch, Martinez, Pittsburg and Oakley with a 5th starting at Trinity Center once open. Central Antioch meal prep by professional chef; two transport trucks. Also delivers twice weekly to Trinity Center. Martinez location offers additional services on Fridays: showers, laundry facilities, hair cuts and a senior center.

New, free Culinary Arts Program held in their commercial kitchen; separate chef instructor. Four, 10-week sessions of 120 hours planned. Includes training, meal preparation for program use, resume writing and job placement assistance.

Future Speakers: April: Julie Clemens, Shelter, Inc. TBD Bay Area Crisis Nursery, Food Bank

Correspondence and Agency Updates: All

1. Letters & Thank You Notes: Thank Yous for donations from Monument Crisis Center, Bay Area Crisis Center, Shelter Inc.
2. Inquiry for support from Elizabeth House; may not fit our criteria.
3. Options for Women is now called Options Health.
4. Marielle is now sole liaison for Putnam House
5. Diane Hansen is new liaison for Food Pantry SVDP at St Francis of Assisi
6. Heather to contact Shelter Inc. re: expansion outside CC County. Specify Contra Costa County on our donation checks so money goes to the right place.

Financial Report & Fund Distribution: Ann D

Fifth Sundays: 3/29, 5/31, 8/30, and 11/29

Donations to Charities in the month of January: \$7,023.

Income from collections in the month of January: \$3,229

Balance in the Outreach Account at end of January: \$3,025

Of the \$7,023 in donations, \$500 each was issued in error to Bay Area Rescue Mission and Contra Costa Food Bank from the Turkey collection during Christmas. These donations had already been made in December. We will make note of this and not give these two charities additional donations until it is their "turn" again. There is a question as to how two checks were cut to each charity given there was only one check request for Cash for Turkey donations. Ann and Mary will discuss with the office to be clear on procedures for issuing checks.

Five \$500 donations to be distributed to the following five agencies, for a total of \$2,500 in donations.

1. MOW Diablo Region
2. RotaCare
3. SHARE
4. Trinity Center
5. Winter Nights

Committee documents/records: Mary

- Updated Outreach Volunteer Opportunities document with contacts listed were distributed. Special inserts for opportunities in Parish Bulletin Jan/Feb
- Annual Report distributed.

Food Basket: All

- Jan. Collection – 30 bags + 10 cases Top Ramen to Monument Crisis Center
- Feb Collection - Pasta, sauces

Pasta Feed: Ann D

Pasta Feed held Feb. 8th a delicious success with all tables filled. Thanks to the Committee for helping with ticket sales.

Christmas Food Drive: All

We had a successful drive with \$1,000 for cash for turkeys, and 65 bags went to Monument Crisis Center and 100 bags went to St Vincent de Paul. Notes for next year's drive: Appoint someone for each collection week to facilitate to understanding roles and responsibilities, i.e. who is driving, who will have the key to open the office, who will ensure that we have enough vehicles to transport the food.

Shoes that Fit: Carol

Sixty-two pairs of shoes delivered to Los Medanos. Another list may be on the way from LM; a new one may be coming from Willow Cove.

Per Christoph, Outreach can display reminder and have a bin available in vestibule during pickup windows.

Friendly Manor Lunch / Shelter Dinner: Karen / Ann D

- Jan. 24 lunch with pasta and all.
Feb. 13 lunch pasta, garlic bread, salad, oranges and decorated cupcakes. Karen and Heather volunteers.
Next commitment: Feb 28. Turkey sandwiches to be made from leftover frozen turkeys

Shelter Dinner: Third Monday falls on Feb. 17 President's Day but one individual has volunteered to do the entire dinner with her friends, so there is no difficulty with getting volunteers on a holiday.

Winter Nights – All families in program are lined up for new housing; great news

Other: Mary

- Assistance League Thrift Shop in Lafayette: Mary and Karen picked up items from Mary Jo Brady and will sort and combine to provide full sheet sets and towels to agencies in need, including CCIC. STAND may also have need.
- Karen's idea of creating a sheet similar to our finance sheet to identify a rotation of the items that come in. This will be decided depending on how often, and what items get delivered to them. Outcome TBD.

Publicity: Sandi

Sandi has everything she needs.

Closing Prayer: All

The meeting was ended with group prayer of the Our Father.

Next Meeting: March 3. Chairperson will be Pat Snyder; Recorder Melly Narkiewicz.