

ST PERPETUA OUTREACH COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 3, 2020

Members Present: Joan Liston, Marielle Narkiewicz (Secretary), Sandi Gritzer, Pat Snyder (Chairperson), Ann Porcella, Mary Terjeson, Carol Weyer, Heather Spellman, Kitty Locke, Diane Hansen, Ann Diemer, Karen Kalvass

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

Speaker: Guest speaker: Leslie Gleason the executive director for the Trinity Center.

- Vision and Guiding Principles: Every homeless person has a safe place to be, so they can begin to see a different future for themselves. Their guiding principles are: to respect ourselves, our community and our neighbors; there is no aggression, physical or verbal; and, no banned substances are allowed while at Trinity Center.
- Background: They do this through several different service centers at their day center. They provide breakfast, a hot lunch, showers, laundry, clothing, mail and telephone access, and referral services. They also have case management and support groups and help with benefits, housing and employment applications. They have a partnership with Hope Solutions (formerly known as Contra Costa Interfaith Housing) to help those who come to Trinity Center to look for housing.
- Evening Program: In the winter they have enough funding for an evening program. Through this they have 38 program beds and 12 emergency beds. Each member identifies personal goals and works with a Member Advocate on their Personal Action Plan. Members build the community with one another and gain competencies in leadership and teamwork. The evening program is co-ed but does not accept families.
- Safe Parking Program: They also support the Safe Parking Program wherein they have 10 selected parking spots at St. John Vianney Church where they have access to restrooms and can rest in their vehicles overnight before starting the next day.
- Mental Health & Substance Abuse Program: They have a counselor that provides individual and group support as well as a mental health assessment.
- Financials: They have served 816 adults and 3 children in the last fiscal year, with the primary race being served as Caucasian and more male than female, and the largest population being over the age of 55.
- St. Paul's Commons: In coordination with St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Loaves and Fishes and White Pony Express, Trinity Center helps the homeless with food, clothing and support services. They will occupy bottom floor of St. Paul's

Commons, residential apartments, which opened in January 2020 with supportive services to 23 units. The rents are set and bracketed based on income bracket and paid to John Steward (a Management Company), and it is then paid to Resources for Community Development (RCD), who covers the cost of the land. RCD has also covered basics of furniture for 14 out of the 23 of the units, while the rest of the units are self-furnished.

Future Speakers:

- April: Julie Clemmons from Shelter Inc.
- Future: Bay Area Crisis Nursery, Food Bank (for the Fall), and Yani Heyman from Friendly Manor (for the Fall)

Correspondence and Agency Updates: All

1. Updated agency profiles due: Friendly Manor

Financial Report & Fund Distribution: Ann D

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

We had a balance of \$2,959. This will leave approximately \$400 in the coffers, donating \$2,500 to five agencies:

1. Bay Area Crisis Nursery
2. CCIC
3. Food Pantry SVDP
4. Foster Family Network
5. Friendly Manor

Mary mentioned that CCIC had a matching fund drive this month so our donation will double. It was suggested by Pat that we check with our agencies to see if and when they might also have opportunities to match funds. This would be a good time for us to donate.

Also, Ann reminded everyone that the pasta feed donations totaled around \$6,602. A check for a total of \$7,407 was sent to Winter Nights, including other donated funds from the Parish.

Food Basket: Sandi

- February Collection: Peter Norton delivered 35 bags to St. Vincent De Paul; Betsy Hostynek has also reached out to Sandi seeking volunteer opportunities for transportation.

- March Collection: March 14th and 15th collection is canned fruit, vegetables and hominy. Maria White will transport to Monument Crisis Center.
- Dee Dee and Sandi will review the list of foods we ask for and revise for the next meeting, as some of the items are not being consumed by the two Food Basket donation centers and items like cereal is needed more often, we might even have two separate lists for the two distinct donation centers.

Shoes that Fit: Carol

Willow Cove is sending a list of 20 names soon, as well as a list for “Girls on the Run” in early April for St. Perpetua to complete.

Friendly Manor Lunch / Shelter Dinner: Karen / Ann D

- Friendly Manor: The last Friendly Manor lunch was February 28th and served about 20 ladies. They did not have that many attendees because many of the clientele get their benefits near the end of the month and likely would not come to Friendly Manor for lunch. It was suggested and agreed to move the regular date that St. P’s provides lunches from the fourth Friday of the month to the third Friday, to better meet the needs. The next lunch for St. Perpetua is March 20th and if you are able to volunteer, please let Karen know.
- Winter Nights: One family of six received permanent housing, but three families are still awaiting their housing.
- Shelter Dinner: Sandi published an article in the last bulletin. The next shelter dinner is March 16th.

Other: Mary

- Assistance League Thrift Shop in Lafayette: Mary and Kitty have picked up a few loads of donations, with most going to CCIC. It was noted that other agencies like Hilcrest, STAND, and Winter Nights also need to be in the delivery rotation of available items.
- Daffodil sales volunteers: Heather can help Saturday 5pm mass. Volunteers are already set for Sunday masses.

Publicity: Sandi

Sandi has everything she needs.

Closing Prayer: All

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

Next Meeting: April 7, 2020, Chairperson will be Pat Snyder, and the Recorder will be TBD.