

OUTREACH COMM. 6-'20 Min.-1.

ST. PERPETUA CHURCH Outreach Committee Minutes June 2, 2020 7pm via Zoom

Members Present: Marielle Narkiewicz, Rotating Chair; Diane Hansen, Carol Weyer, Ann Diemer, Pat Snyder, Mary Terjeson, Kitty Locke, Sandi Gritzer, Marj Ho, Joan Liston, Recorder

Correspondence: Marj reports that Bay Area Crisis Center is functioning. In May, 1,000 diapers were distributed. Two fund raisers have been cancelled. They are still not using volunteers and will not be able to use them until September.

Sandi reports on STAND that their biggest need is funds for continuing to shelter clients in hotels and provide them with food. They need \$135 per night for 12 to 20 families; also gift cards to Safeway and Target, funding for PPE needs and cleaning needs, and family needs ex: phones and computers.

There has been a 60% rise in people coming through. Monument Crisis Center is seeing 320 families a day, an increase of 300% a day.

Financial Report: Ann D. reviewed the electronic report update on current month income. There were approximately \$1200 in electronic donations and the Outreach account balance is currently \$1,400. There appear to be some fifth Sunday donations that didn't show in the report as the fifth Sunday was just the day before the report was run. Therefore it is expected that July may have a higher income, in the neighborhood of \$2,000. Therefore we could decide to give to about 6 agencies total over the two months.

Discussion-Prioritize which agencies should we fund for June and July. Consider continued funding of those agencies providing food and consider funding agencies that provide help for domestic violence. It was decided that Committee will meet in July, thus the decision for donation in July can be deferred.

Decision- Working with the current available balance of \$1400, it was agreed that 3 donations of \$500 could be made, even though that would slightly exceed the balance. It is expected that trailing fifth Sunday donations will more than make up that difference. Agencies to be supported in June: Food Pantry at St Vincent de Paul, Loaves and Fishes, and STAND. In July, after reviewing available donations at the July 7th meeting, the Committee prioritize funding for the Bay Area Crisis Nursery, Monument Crisis Center, MOW Diablo Region, and Trinity Center, based on current information of agency needs.

Parish Communication: Pat reports that exposure to the parish is going well. Mary T. asked what we should include in future communication Bay Area Crisis Nursery and STAND, and mention Loaves and Fishes. Food Pantry has been mentioned previously. Suggestion is to highlight what we are funding this month and agencies that are going to be funded next month, with continued emphasis on food while highlighting the new agencies.

Mask Project: Mary T. reports that more than 80 masks have gone out to the parish, Loaves and Fishes and Hope Solutions. Currently Mary has another 100 or so masks. Future donations will go to Monument Crisis Center and Shelter Inc. and should go out at the end of this week or early next week. There will probably be an additional 50-100 masks coming in. She showed meeting participants an array of masks in different colors and styles. Discussion included ways to adjust them to fit. The Project will probably end at the end of June. Dee Dee will check with the Food Pantry to see if they need any.

Food Drive: Fr. John has approved of the Committee doing a drive, using safety precautions, since the schools are not in session.

Discussion: Two agencies to consider are Monument Crisis Center and STAND. Wendy has suggested the parish hall area at the church community center for collection site.

How should we proceed with food collection and food transportation to selected agencies? Sandi reviewed how a drive-up system worked at a faith-based group in Walnut Creek, and how Monument Crisis is doing them now. They are accepting donations on Wed. and need non-perishables and brown paper bags. Supply chains are not getting access to food as much as before, and need food donations.

Suggestions: Work with agencies to coordinate driving food to them. At St. Perpetua's designate a specific date and time for drop-off; request that food donors bring extra grocery bags, especially brown paper bags; Marj will look into using the Youth Group members to help collect and load vehicles with food bags. Method of donors leaving off food at the parish also discussed. Issue: Will bringing extra people increase exposure problems? Announcement of drop-off can be made on a Sunday at the zoom liturgy presentations.

Decisions:

Food Drive Sunday, June 14th announcement from the pulpit, and food drop-off from 2-4pm collection at the parish hall.

Ann D. offers her vehicle to pick up food from the parish. Sandi will check with Monument Crisis to see when they can receive donated food.

Encourage donors to bring grocery bags with the food drop-off. Designate on announcement the specific food requested by the Center.

Volunteers: Ann D., Sandi, Mary T. and Marielle. Carol Weyer also volunteered.

Communication-Sandi suggests we use a bulletin; Mary T. has a template for one, which can be used with modifications to include bringing brown bags.

Dee Dee will check for St. Vincent de Paul for possible food drive donations for July.

Suspended Activities: No reports.

Other Items: Backpack Drive-

Marj reports that Hope Solutions is looking for 400 backpacks from all sources. No details yet on whether they need supplies.

Discussion: Blue and red not acceptable colors. Have a drop-off system of collection similar to the food drive vs. using a Blue Barrel collection where drop-offs occurred previously at the parish.

Carol has a template for a drive announcement. There is concern for availability of backpacks in stores which might still be closed or in short supply for donors. Concern also is if and how schools will be open.

Proposal: Marj will provide updates. Plan for the food and backpack drives on the same dates in July, possibly the 12th or the 19th. Possibly put announcement in the Timely Perpetuan beforehand.

Decision: Food and backpack issues will be discussed at the next meeting in July, including giving to St. Vincent de Paul. Review issue of donating supplies instead of backpacks.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY JULY 7 AT 7 PM via Zoom.