

Ripples of Hope Outreach  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, November 17, 2020  
6:00 p.m. ZOOM Meeting

Attendees: Patty Vande Voort, Kathy Cross, Bud Klister, Pete Appleton, Cathy Lehner, Lisa Thiry, and Kara Vassar

- A committee member led the group in prayer.
- The October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were approved as written.
- Ann Tretinyak, Executive Director from VIDA, visited our meeting this evening. VIDA (pronounced “vee-da”) is the Spanish word for “life.” Ann’s stated that her pro-life mission is to change the culture. VIDA’s original name was Mothers of Unborn Baby Care, founded in 1983. Their mission was to give women an option to carry to term. VIDA seeks to support and walk with women (and men) in challenging child raising conditions. At VIDA, they believe that people have a color, a shape, a size...but life does not. VIDA believes very strongly that we cannot get to other acts of mercy until we protect the life of the unborn child. They are on the front line of protecting the unborn every day. They ask the question, “what are you afraid of?” and then they try to mitigate fear with support. VIDA has four areas of support: Medical Clinic (formerly Womankind), Youth Outreach, Support Services (mentoring – serves over 100 men and women a month) and a Material Support program (where clients earn credits to “purchase” needs for the child). The Medical Clinic offers pregnancy testing, STD testing and treatment, limited ultrasound, education, labor and delivery classes. The Outreach program is for high school and college students and mainly focuses on reproductive health. VIDA has recently purchased a building on 41 and 47, and Ann shared what their areas of greatest needs are. Ann answered questions from the committee.
- Lisa made a motion to donate \$1000 to VIDA - \$700 for car seats and \$300 unrestricted. Cathy seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- St. Anthony Update – toys are being collected in special boxes at the entrances of church. The Thanksgiving food collection will go to St. Anthony’s. Kathy is looking into having banners made with our sister parish in the back of each church.
- Thanksgiving/Christmas – Nineteen families were helped with gift cards for Thanksgiving shopping. The Adopt A Family program helped 24 families last year and it is expected that it will be the same this year.
- Kathy Cross will write the November Connections article.
- Other business – there will not be a December meeting.

Submitted,  
Lisa Thiry  
January 5, 2021

**Meeting Dates – 2021**

January 26, 2021  
February 23, 2021  
March 23, 2021  
April 27, 2021  
May 25, 2021

Future dates tbd