

## Christian Service and Responsibility Committee Meeting Minutes – March 4, 2014

In Attendance: Ken Beutler, Dave Callsen, Jan Liss, Becky Nash, Kristy Nelson Barb Pasquesi, Jeanne Rabel, Maggie Ter Horst, and Bill Wolff

Jan opened the meeting with a reflection on the story of the building of the Tower of Babel. In the building of the tower, emphasis was put on the building bricks and the concern for damage to them. The human factor, injury and loss of life was not as important. Pope Francis has addressed a parallel to this showing the lack of interest in the stories of people and caring and more a concentration on government and its part in our everyday life. Pope Francis sees the need for changes to focus on the humanity around us and their struggles; he asks for the Church to begin to make these changes and for prayer to do this.

Minutes of the January 21, 2014, meeting were approved as submitted.

Thank you notes were received from HELP of Door County, Inc., Boys and Girls Club of Door County, TAPS, Toys for Tots, and the Community Clinic for the Dental Clinic for children.

As a follow-up to the CSR Meeting of January 21 on the topic of emergency funds, Father Dave would like to have \$2000.00 carved out annually (on hold) for him to distribute as he sees fit. If the \$2000.00 is not used for the year, CSR can use the remaining funds for their own purposes; though assume \$2000.00 would be replenished in the budget every year. Outside of direct requests to Father Dave or Becky Nash which are usually more emergency-related, all requests should be sent through St. Vincent de Paul (SVP) to be screened for the (up-to) \$250.00 distribution. If this is not enough, SVP should be contacting Father Dave directly to discuss further distribution. Any requests Becky Nash receives directly will be discussed with Father Dave. Here, CSR may have/establish guidelines to help in the decision process.

The budget update given by Bill Wolff shows donations from parishioners is \$6668.00. This is on schedule of our expectations for donations; about \$900.00 ahead of where we would hope to be. The balance of allocations due for our fiscal year is \$4950.00. This leaves us with an existing balance of \$16,362.00. With approximately \$5000.00 in allocations remaining and a possible \$14,000.00 – if contribution expectations are met – balance at the end of the year, our budget is working and we are financially in good shape! \$5000.00 will be budgeted for individual needs fund administered by SVP.

This leaves us with \$7200.00 left to disperse. Ken Beutler has been spearheading the Habitat for Humanity campaign for the house to be built near Egg Harbor for one of Stella Maris' parishioners. He has met with Rick Nelson and came to the committee meeting asking for a contribution for this project. Because of our financial stability we were able to give \$2000.00 to Habitat for Humanity as well as underwrite the kick-off dinner to be held on April 26, 2014, at St. Mary's in Baileys Harbor. The dinner is open to the public; there will be no charge for the meal but a free will offering will be taken toward the Habitat project. CSR voted to donate \$500.00 toward food expenses for this dinner. This will be a chance for all Northern Door churches to become involved with this project set to begin in the spring – weather permitting!!!

Rick Nelson will speak at Masses at Stella Maris sites as well at other Northern Door Churches. In this year of volunteerism, we are hoping to attract those of other churches to work together on this project. CSR will provide support for the dinner with our monetary contribution (\$500) for the food and volunteers to help with the meal. \$2500.00 has been authorized in our current allocations to Habitat for Humanity.

Other allocations for this fiscal year will also include \$500.00 to Su Casa Catholic Worker House in Chicago; \$700.00 to Stella Maris Parish in Tanzania to complete a school building; \$1000.00 which was given to the Secret Santa project in Northern Door to help with heating. This totals \$4700.00 of moneys on hand prior to finalizing our 2014-2015 budget.

- **A disclaimer by the temporary secretary on the above information. The above is reported to the best of my recollection and notes and can be corrected at any given time. Thank you for your patience. MBT**

The budget for 2014 – 2015 was addressed. The current recipients were carried forward. The following were added as new recipients: We Are Hope, Sturgeon Bay; Secret Santa Project, Ellison Bay (for Northern Door). [Please see Bill Wolff's budget report for specifics on moneys to be given and dates of allocation.]

The Catholic Foundation selected projects for the 2014 – 2015 budget were selected and a total of \$1750.00 will be given for the following:

- \$300.00 for a cow to Stella Maris in Uganda
- 450.00 for the Haitian water project
- 600.00 for a nutrition project for children in Guatemala
- 250.00 for a food program for children in the Philippines

Kristy Nelson reported Elaine Mulligan on the St. Vincent de Paul Project. A donation of \$348.00 was made to SVP from the Jacksonport women's group. Four families were helped in the month of February.

Health and Wellness committee representative Barb Pasquesi reported that the Health and Wellness Committee has established a good working relationship with Becky Nash as the parish staff liaison. This year an emphasis will be placed on STING CANCER.. It is hoped to involve the faith formation students in this as a project. The CHIP programs continue. Study on the Parish Nurse continues with the Parish Council.

Loaves and Fishes is doing well and is an active on-going program.

Respect for Life is looking for a new chair person. If anyone knows of someone who may be interested, contact Jan Liss.

The Pastoral Council representative, Jeanne Rabel, reported on the plans for the Stella Maris Feast Day celebration in May. The council is trying to recruit parishioners to work on its evangelization committee. They are offering training and would like to focus on not only the

non-religious but the non-practicing Catholics, Catholics who feel obligated to attend Mass, and on families with small children.

Old business: The Su Casa trip to Chicago is a go and planning is continuing. Ken Beutler summarized the Habitat for Humanity project: Rick Nelson is getting soft responses from other churches. The fundraising, kick-off dinner will be held April 26 in Baileys Harbor.

Construction is scheduled to begin May 1. A schedule of work days is being organized; Tuesday and Thursday are regular work days, with Saturdays reserved for the church volunteers. It is hoped that Stella Maris will provide workers for the house project as well as persons to provide food for the work crews. October 6 will be the dedication of the house, if all goes as planned – and the weather cooperates. Dave Callsen has been collecting food left in the basket at the Sister Bay site and delivering it to the food pantry at the Baptist Church in Sister Bay.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, at the Sister Bay site at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Ter Horst, substitute for Beckie Hawker