

Christian Service and Responsibility Committee Meeting Minutes – May 17, 2016

In Attendance: Dave Callsen, Beckie Hawker, Wayne Kudick, Jan Liss, Elaine Mulligan, Becky Nash, Kristy Nelson, Jeanne Rabel, Mary Pat Shandor, Richard Shandor, Tammy Vander Linden and Bill Wolff. Guest: Paul Liss

Jan opened the meeting with a Discipleship prayer by Bishop Ricken and the five Stella Maris Guiding Values: Welcoming and Hospitality, Breaking the Silence, Prayer, Joy and the Power of the Holy Spirit. Paul and Jan explained the many ways we individually and as a Parish can be more welcoming to fellow parishioners and visitors. Committee members then shared their personal experiences.

Budget – Bill: We are waiting to hear the amount of our 2016-17 Budget from the Parish Finance Committee; hopefully it will be at least the amount of our 2015-16 Budget. To date we have received \$4100 in additional donations, just short of last year's \$5000. Thank You notes were received from the Foundation for Children in Need for the poor in India, from NAMI for our donation to JAK's Place in Sturgeon Bay and from the Ephraim Moravian Church for our donation towards the production and mailing of the Resource List post card, listing no-cost assistance providers for Northern Door families, mailed to all households. They also thanked us for opening our 24/7 Food Pantry in Fish Creek. St. Vincent de Paul also contributed to the cost of the Resource List post card. Jan shared brochures from Lakeshore CAP, Door County Cradle to Career Coalition and We Are Hope, Inc. An additional donation to the Scandia Building Fund will be considered when we again discuss our Budget in the Fall.

St. Vincent de Paul – Elaine: Many Thanks to CSR Committee for the \$3000 to finish their work this year! The first group is about to complete the "Bridges Out Of Poverty" Program in Green Bay where participants attend the program once a week for 16 weeks and are each given a mentor to help break the poverty cycle. A "Bridges Out Of Poverty" Seminar is being held in Green Bay this Friday, May 20th and Saturday, May 21st. Nine clients have been helped since our March meeting. Plans are underway for the annual Strawberry Fest fundraiser to be held on Thursday, June 23rd at St. Rosalia's in Sister Bay. Many helpers are needed; call Sharon Brabson at 868-2404 or Elaine at 854-4992 to volunteer. Four new members have joined SVdP, bringing the membership to 16.

Health & Wellness – Jan: Working with new Faith Community Nurse Kathleen Kerwin and with other ongoing programs.

Loaves & Fishes – Bill: Numbers attending the meals are good and will increase now during the summer.

Respect Life – Becky: 250 roses were sold after Masses on Mother's Day weekend and a profit of \$76 was given to the Door County Right To Life. The meeting date has been changed to the second Tuesday each month in hopes that more members can attend. The Rosary For Life is said the second Tuesday each month at Baileys Harbor at noon. The Diaper Drive will only be held once a year now as the second collection this year did not receive many donations.

Pastoral Council – Jan: Working on controlling the length and wording of announcements at Masses.

Mission Trip – Tammy & Jan: Seven participated in the Mission Trip to Freedom House in Green Bay on April 21st and 22nd; 3 went for 1 day and 4 went for 2 days. Work involved moving a family into their new home, mulching gardens and organizing the Store where items can be purchased with play money issued for good behavior. Freedom House, where residents stay for 1 to 3 months, is operated on donations and very well managed. It works as a "hand up, not a hand-out". Jan is

looking into summer trips as well as getting more info from Father Ruby on a possible Dominican Republic Mission Trip.

Food Pantry – Steve: The 24/7 Food Pantry has been open for three months now and as the use shows, there is a definite need. We received donations from the Egg Harbor, Fish Creek and Baileys Harbor Postal Service Food Drives on May 14th. Food storage space is now an issue we should address. There are still funds in the Pantry account. Steve was interviewed by DoorCountyDailyNews.com last month and that conversation is on their website.

On Care of Our Common Home – Wayne: With help and work by Becky Nash and Father Ruby, the majority of members in the Northern Door Ministerial Assn. signed the Environmental Declaration published in the April 22, 2016 Pulse newsletter and the April 23, 2016 Door Advocate. Wayne has drafted a synthesis of a lecture on Climate Change given by Bishop Richard Pates from Des Moines, Iowa at St. Norbert College on May 5th in conjunction with the Wisconsin Institute for Public Policy and Service, the University of WI and UW Extension. He also shared other issues affecting our country and planet.

Back Pack Buddy Program – Jan: This week is the last delivery for this year. It went well for our part. Over summer Gibraltar School will decide whether to continue, and hopefully expand, the program.

Diocesan Spring Leadership Day – Jan: Becky, Monica and Jan, along with 6 other Staff/parishioner members from Stella Maris attended the meeting in Green Bay last week.

Adopt A Soldier – Shandors: Collection boxes were placed at our three open sites (Sister Bay, Egg Harbor and Baileys Harbor) in April. A list of requested items was published in the church bulletin and flyers were placed in the pews. They delivered 14 cases of items to Nancy Hutchinson who ships about 75 boxes every two months to soldiers from Door and Keweenaw Counties.

Operation Christ Child Shoeboxes – Kristy: Plan to do this project again in October, followed by our DC Toys for Tots collection in November.

CSR Summer Publicity – Jan: Jan will again prepare a one page article on the CSR Committee, hopefully to be included in a July bulletin, thanking past donors and informing how contributions can be made.

Prison Ministry – Jan: Mentoring prisoners after their release and getting a judicial speaker were discussed for the future.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 19th at 6:00 PM in Sister Bay.

Respectfully submitted,

Beckie Hawker, Secretary