

Christian Service and Responsibility Committee Meeting Minutes – January 21, 2014

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

Jan opened the meeting with a reading and reflection on doing our best and then a little extra and prayer. Becky Nash was introduced as our new Staff Liaison. Thank you notes have been received from Northern Door Children's Center, Feed & Clothe My People, the Boys and Girls Club, Special Olympics, DC Secret Santa Elves, Community Clinic and the DC YMCA (EASL classes). With the following correction "we decided to donate another \$750 (not \$250) for a total of \$1000 to the DC Secret Santa project", Minutes of the November 19, 2013 Meeting were approved as sent.

Budget – Jan (for Bill): \$6638 has been received so far in connection with our annual donation collection. Our allocated distributions are on schedule. Father has approved a \$75 per month expenditure for a Parish child in need of medical attention. About 25-30 people are attending the EASL (English As Second Language) classes at the YMCA which we are helping to sponsor. Jeanne reported that the Secret Santa Elves were able to help 31 families to heat their homes this Christmas. Members should come to the March meeting with ideas for our remaining budget.

St. Vincent de Paul – Elaine Mulligan: Seven calls have been received since Dec. 1st. After spending \$250 per contact, \$4000 remains in the Budget. Three new members have joined. Visits have been made to Corpus Christi and St. Joseph Parishes in Sturgeon Bay in hopes of recruiting more members.

Health & Wellness – Barb: Still hoping to start STING Cancer project where care packages are prepared and given to families of cancer victims. CHIP programs have been scheduled for the year, including 2 months on the Affordable Health Care Act, dementia and diabetes. Blood Pressures are still being taken at Masses and the Loaves & Fishes Meals. Twenty-five percent of those checked had very elevated readings and doctor appointments were suggested. Still working on Parish Nurse. Bulletin articles theme in 2014 will focus on "The Model for Healthy Living".

Loaves & Fishes – Jan (for Bill): Their volunteer potluck supper was held in January. There were no new ideas or suggestions. There are plenty of volunteers helping and meals are going well.

Respect Life – Jan (for Julie Kiehnau): No report but the Pro-Life Silent Walk from the Court House to the Hospital in Sturgeon Bay is being held tonight.

Parish Council – Jeanne: Bart Ahern is heading an Evangelization Committee and looking for members. It was mentioned that if evangelizing involves practicing what Jesus taught, we as a Committee are doing that.

Operation Christmas Shoe Box Project – Kristy: Stella Maris collected 77 shoe boxes which were blessed by Father and taken to the relay site in Sturgeon Bay, helping them reach their goal of over 1600 boxes this Christmas. Several CSR members who tracked their shoe boxes learned that they were sent to the Philippines. We plan to do this project again later this year, possibly starting sooner.

Toys for Tots Collection – Jan: Collection boxes were placed at the three open Parish sites. This project also went well and we plan to do it again. All items collected remain in Door County.

Mission Trip – Jan: Our trip is planned to the Su Casa Catholic Worker House in Chicago. Two rented vans and another vehicle will leave Sturgeon Bay mid-morning on Tuesday, April 29th and return about 5:00 PM on Friday, May 2nd. Fifteen volunteers are going and there is one person on the waiting list. Lodging will be at the Su Casa House with tasks assigned when they arrive.

Habitat for Humanity – Ken: Ken has agreed to be our Stella Maris coordinator for the home being built for a Parish family east of Egg Harbor. He will contact Rick Nelson, Executive Director, regarding the starting date and other information. We do know that work is generally done on Tuesdays and Thursdays and rarely on a weekend. Parishioners will be asked to provide meals and snacks and possibly manpower if able. We will consider a larger one-time donation at the March meeting. More to follow on this.

Food Drive at Sister Bay – Jan: While items collected at the four other Parish sites are taken to Feed & Clothe My People in Sturgeon Bay, items collected in Sister Bay have been taken to the First Baptist Food Pantry in Sister Bay. Jan will check to see who is/would be willing to take food to the Baptist Food Pantry, and if no one else will, Dave has offered to transport the items.

Emergency Fund: This subject has again been presented to the CSR Committee. As wonderful as it would be to have such a fund, as decided before, our CSR Committee has neither the funding nor the people to administer an "Emergency Fund". Is it just for parishioners? What is an "emergency" ... medical bills, car repairs, rent, food, utilities? These are all things being addressed now, within limits, by the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 4th, 2014. Maggie has graciously agreed to do the Minutes in Beckie's absence. Jan closed the meeting with the Our Father.

Respectfully submitted,

Beckie Hawker, Secretary