

## Christian Service and Responsibility Committee Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2014

In Attendance: Ken Beutler, Dave Callsen, Beckie Hawker, Marian Irmen, Jan Liss, Elaine Mulligan, Becky Nash, Barb Pasquesi, Jeanne Rabel, Maggie Ter Horst and Bill Wolff. Guest: Julie Kudick

Jan opened the meeting with prayer and a reading from the Catholic Stewardship booklet on how personal experiences, as through volunteering for things like the recent Mission Trip and Loaves & Fishes Meals, can help us to connect and see others as Pope Francis encourages us to do.

Jan then introduced guest Julie Kudick who spoke to us on the efforts of our CSR Health & Wellness Committee to acquire a Faith Community Nurse/Parish Nurse. According to March 2014 Parish records, 54% of Parish members are age 60 or older, many having or at risk for chronic diseases. Door County has one of the highest rates for elderly residents and Sister Bay is one of the most elderly communities in the State. A FCN would not do hands on care but serve to assess, educate and advocate. An FCN would do home visits, follow-ups after hospital discharges, prepare for health care visits or hospital procedures or serve as liaison for medical referrals. Because of so many insurance restrictions, many people now “fall through the cracks”. Because we are a faith community and grants require, a FCN would help more than just Parish members. Other churches in Door County have FCNs and have served our Parish members. The Diocese has guidelines and a job description for a FCN but they do not fund. Each Parish raises their own funds for the position which we estimate at \$33,500 for us for one year. Julie spoke to Father Ruby and the Parish Finance Council and received approval for up to \$18,000. She also applied for a grant to the Door County Community Foundation and received \$2,250. A grant application for \$15,000 from Kopseker was submitted on May 1st. She also has been working with Ministry Health Care for possible financial support and partnership. Jan thanked her for her presentation and all her work.

With the following correction to the H&W report “This year an emphasis will be placed on the STING (not “skin”) cancer awareness project”, Minutes of the March 4, 2014 CSR Meeting were approved as sent.

Budget – Bill: Checks have been sent for all allocations, including those approved at the last meeting. Our 2014-2015 Budget from the Parish will be \$13,000. Becky reported that the Finance Council is considering a proposal to eliminate extra collection envelopes. Pros and cons were discussed on how this might affect CSR donations/funding.

St. Vincent de Paul – Elaine: They are working on getting ready for their Strawberry Festival fundraiser to be held on June 26th at St. Rosalia's. Elaine passed a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help the day before and the day of the Festival. Currently there are 7 active members in Northern Door and 2 members who signed up in November but because they are seasonal, have yet to attend a meeting. She is working with two Sturgeon Bay Parishes to see if they can provide at least one member each as 90% of the requests for help are from Sturgeon Bay. Seven calls/home visits have been made since the report for the March 4, 2014 CSR Meeting. Articles have been put in the Stella Maris bulletin about once a month.

Health & Wellness – Barb: Blood Pressure screenings are being done at two sites each month now and more volunteers for this would be welcome. CHIP Programs are scheduled for various topics including Diabetes, Sports Medicine, Breast Cancer, Prostate and Making the most of your doctor visit. One of our young parishioners, Collin Duffy has been diagnosed with aplastic anemia and they are working with him, his parents and two brothers on cards and meals. The STING cancer project, working with Faith Formation classes, would be wonderful now in instances like this.

Loaves & Fishes – Bill: Meals are going well. Would like to concentrate on increasing attendance with those who really need meals, including reaching out to those attending noon meals, possibly needing rides or working with St. Vincent de Paul.

Respect for Life: Sharon Slomski, Jim's wife, has offered to fill this position. Contact her with/for information.

Pastoral Council – Jeanne: Our Parish Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, July 19th to be held at the Sports Arena in Sister Bay. Chris Greisen (pro-quarterback, husband, father, coach and teacher) will speak to the community on "Who am I ...Really?" and the role of his Catholic faith in his life on Wednesday, May 28th at 6:30 PM at St. Rosalia's. Parish Council was very pleased with the meal and funds collected for the Habitat for Humanity home being built.

Su Casa Catholic Worker House-Chicago Mission Trip - Barb: Barb shared with us details, thoughts and feelings of the 9 women and 4 men who took this trip to live with the women and children, many with issues, who stay at Su Casa. They cooked, cleaned, organized, visited with and babysat. They met Frieda who started the Soup Kitchen 29 years ago as a way to help and to keep her children busy and

out of street gangs. It is hoped to do more Mission trips, maybe overnights to Milwaukee or Green Bay several times a year. A \$500 donation was given to Su Casa and the group that went is getting together and will brainstorm ways that we can possibly help the residents further. Also mentioned was the formation of a Mission Trip Committee.

Northern Door Faith Builds – Ken & Becky: Ken has agreed to be the coordinator for Stella Maris Parish. About 140 people attended the benefit dinner of chicken cordon bleu and all the trimmings held on Saturday, May 3rd at Baileys Harbor. A special Thank You to Mary Niedzwicki and her students for preparing and serving the meal. Music was provided by Katie Dahl and Dorothy Scott. There are 19 churches now participating in the building and each one had a representative at the meal. \$3400 was collected in free-will offerings that evening. Estimated cost for each home built is \$100,000. The Habitat for Humanity home being built east of Egg Harbor is for Parish member, Panfila Macias Jaurequi and her three sons. It is hoped many Parish members will volunteer to provide snacks and meals, and manpower if able. Work is done on Tuesdays and Thursdays and sometimes on Saturdays.

Donated Food Collections – Normally Ken or Beckie take the items from Baileys Harbor to Feed My People. They will make sure someone does this when they both are gone in the winter months when St. Mary of the Lake is open. With the exception of food from the grocery cart at St. Rosalia's which Dave takes to the First Baptist Food Pantry in Sister Bay, items donated at the three other sites are also taken to Feed My People in Sturgeon Bay. There are also baskets at Sister Bay clearly labeled for collecting non-perishable items for Catholic Youth Expeditions.

We briefly discussed helping Parish members with immediate needs, such as meals, through Stewardship or Ladies Sodality.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 15th at 6:00 PM in Sister Bay. Thank You to Maggie for doing the March 4, 2014 CSR Meeting Minutes for me!

Respectfully submitted,

Beckie Hawker, Secretary