

## Christian Service and Responsibility Committee Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2015

In Attendance: Beckie Hawker, Marian Irmen, Jan Liss, Becky Nash, Kristy Nelson, Barb Pasquesi, Jeanne Rabel and Maggie Ter Horst

Jan opened the meeting with another article from the Leadership Convocation in Green Bay last October on “Mary the Undoer of Knots”, a reading and prayer on people involved in social justice issues.

Minutes of the November 18, 2014 Meeting were approved as sent. As mentioned in those Minutes, a brief discussion followed regarding identifying local needs for justice in our community and having someone from the Diocesan Office come to help us address them. Further thought will be given as the only issue at this time is possibly the needs of the Hispanic community. Thank You notes and letters have been received from the Boys and Girls Club of Door County, Northern Door Children’s Center, Feed and Clothe My People, HELP of Door County, Special Olympics, Su Casa Worker House, Northern Door Literacy Program through the YMCA and St. John the Evangelist Parish in Quirino, Isabela in the Philippines.

Budget – Jan (for Bill): \$4247 has been received in donations to CSR since July 1, 2014, down from the \$7255 total received last year. Discussion followed on distributing an additional \$3000 from our budget and the following allocations will be made: \$500 each to Altrusa, Back Pack Buddies through Feed and Clothe My People, Katie’s Fund at Ministry Door County Medical Center and Lakeshore CAP Food Pantry, and \$1000 to Northern Door Health & Wellness for use on Thrivent’s Matching “Matthew 25” Grant. After additional discussion, it was decided to remove funding from next year’s budget for YAP, Door Community Foundation’s Go Bo Fund and the Stella Maris Africa site. We will add a \$500 donation for Su Casa Worker House in Chicago and \$500 for the Salvation Army Red Kettle in December.

St. Vincent de Paul – Elaine: Since the November meeting, six home visits have been made and one new member has joined for a total of 11 members now in Door County. An auction house has been found in Chicago that will hopefully sell the Wendy Carpenter art piece donated to St. Vincent de Paul to sell. A “winter plan” is in place to handle requests for help received between Jan. 10th and May 1st.

Health & Wellness – Barb: Northern Door Health & Wellness has been offered a wonderful opportunity through a Thrivent Matching “Matthew 25” Grant in which they will donate 50 cents for every dollar raised until February 28th. Funds would be used to reimburse volunteer drivers, offer help for those providing respite care for a family member and Adult Day Care Services, support a local food pantry and soup kitchen and for other community needs. H & W members also continue doing blood pressure clinics and publishing articles in the church bulletin.

Loaves & Fishes – Bill: Meals continue to go well.

Respect for Life – Monica: Pro-Life brochures have been printed. More info to follow.

Pastoral Council – Jeanne: Meetings are now held quarterly. A meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 22nd, with an out-of-parish facilitator to help with our Parish Mission and Vision statements. They are asking that one person from each Parish Committee work on the Stella Maris 10th Anniversary Party to be held on Saturday, June 27th at the Baileys Harbor Rec Park. Marian Irmen is chairing the Spring Fling to be held on Sunday, May 17th at our Sister Bay site.

Mission Trips – Jan: A trip to Su Casa Worker House in Chicago again is planned for April 28th thru May 1st. Only 5 have volunteered to go to date and with openings for 13, it was suggested that the CRHP ladies be invited to go. Jan also shared info on a Restorative Justice program on Human Trafficking to be held on the Marquette Campus in Milwaukee on March 19th and 20th.

Toys for Tots and Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes – Kristy: The Toys for Tots collection went well and with our help of over 50 shoe boxes, the First Baptist Church in Sturgeon Bay surpassed its goal of collecting 1700 boxes with a total of 1821 being collected.

Habitat for Humanity Fruit Cakes – Jan: Thanks in part to several CSR members, Stella Maris sold all of the fruit cakes delivered to the Parish Office.

Church Bulletin Space – Jan: CSR will have space in the church bulletin every other week now but have a quarter of the page which gives us more space.

Habitat for Humanity Faith Builds – Becky: She will be meeting with the new Habitat for Humanity leader David Van Dyke to debrief on this year's Faith Builds house project in Egg Harbor and looking for ideas on how to get more people involved in this year's house building which most likely will be in Sturgeon Bay.

Jan ended the meeting with this thought ... "What do we need to keep doing, what do we need to start doing and what do we need to stop doing?"

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17th, at 6:00 PM in Sister Bay.

Respectfully submitted,

Beckie Hawker, Secretary