

## Christian Service and Responsibility Committee Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2016

In Attendance: Dave Callsen, Beckie Hawker, Marian Irmien, Wayne Kudick, Jan Liss, Elaine Mulligan, Monica Mutchler, Becky Nash, Barb Pasquesi, Steve Schultz, Richard Shandor and Maggie TerHorst

Guest: Jerry Wesa

Jan opened the meeting with prayer and reading a Thank You letter from a young lady now living in the U.S. who received an Operation Christ Child Shoe Box when she was 5 years old and how it positively affected her life and relationship with God.

With the correction/further explanation that it was Fr. Ruby's idea to fundraise for the Food Pantry, in connection with our manning the church parking lot in Egg Harbor during Pumpkin Fest, the Minutes of the July 19, 2016 Meeting were approved as sent. Thank You letters have been received from the Good Samaritan Society/Scandia Village and from Fr. Alkado Pesambili in Tanzania for our help in replacing the roofs on the church and school.

Budget – Jan for Bill: We have received \$800 in donations. Our approved expenditures distribution for the year will start in October.

St. Vincent de Paul – Elaine: Fifteen clients have been helped since our July CSR meeting. With the profit of \$4300.07 from the Strawberry Fest and \$1837 in generous donations from parishioners, they now have \$5687.07 to help the poor in Door County. Elaine attended the District meeting in Green Bay on Sept. 13th where they re-elected Ken Nier to a second term as District President. A new conference President will be announced shortly.

Health & Wellness – Barb: They are working on getting a grant for our Parish Nurse and letting people know that Matthew 25 funds are available, as well as continuing with blood pressure clinics and bulletin articles. Because of the time involved working with the Northern Door H & W Committee on CHRP programs, the Stella Maris H & W Committee will only meet four times a year.

Respect Life – Monica: We will again be participating in the Diocesan Diaper Drive during October. At Masses on October 1st and 2nd, the Spiritual Adoption program will be explained where people are asked to sign up and pray for 9 months for a newly conceived child at risk of miscarriage or abortion. Monthly inserts will be put in the bulletin on the child's development.

Pastoral Council – Jan & Becky: The existing Leadership team will be taking over in the capacity of the Parish Council.

Mission Trip – Jan: The next Mission Trip will be to the Sunshine House in Sturgeon Bay on October 13th. Contact Jan if interested in going.

Care 24/7 Food Pantry – Steve: WBDK/Roger Utneher is providing \$8000 worth of advertising for our Pantry. As a Fundraiser, volunteers will be manning the St. John’s parking lot for Pumpkin Fest in Egg Harbor on October 8th; parking will be free but people will be asked to donate to our Food Pantry. The church will be open that day as a historical site.

On Care of Our Common Home – Wayne: The Committee now has 5 members, in addition to Becky Nash as the Parish Liaison. A Mission statement has been drafted and is under review “To educate, advocate and celebrate what it means to be a steward of God’s beautiful earth. Our fervent hope is to weave a tapestry of Pope Francis’ ideas into the very fabric of our parish life. Our work will embrace our facilities, our land, our liturgies, our gatherings and our home lives. We will carefully coordinate with other Stella Maris ministries that might be involved in any suggestions we develop.” In addition to a “Laudato Si” book club read and an inter-faith presentation with Brother Herro, numerous items have been placed in our Parish bulletin, and Fr. Dave and the Northern Door Ministerial Assn. was assisted in publishing “Stewards of the Earth” in local newspapers during Earth Week.

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes – Jan for Kristy: Project talks will be given at Masses the weekend of September 24 & 25 and brochures and boxes will be available at churches. The box collection ends October 30th.

Project 30 – Wayne: Each Fall for the past 10 years, Brian Stillwater from Stillwater’s Restaurant in Fish Creek has collected and transported truckloads of clothing and household items to the Dakota Sioux Reservation in South Dakota. This year Wayne/Stella Maris Parish is assisting in collecting 30 boxes of greatly needed men’s clothing and unboxed men’s winter coats. Boxes and coats will be collected by the weekend of October 22/23, items sorted and Brian will leave for South Dakota on October 25th.

Fruitcake Sale: We will again be selling Habitat for Humanity fruitcakes at our three open churches.

Back Pack Buddies – Jan: After the trial period last year, at this time Gibraltar School has decided not to participate in this program.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15th at 6:00 PM in Sister Bay.

Respectfully submitted,

Beckie Hawker, Secretary