

Christian Service and Responsibility Committee Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2016

In Attendance: Greg Berezewski, Dave Callsen, Beckie Hawker, Marian Irmen, Wayne Kudick, Jan Liss, Monica Mutchler, Becky Nash, Kristy Nelson, Barb Pasquesi, Jeanne Rabel, Steve Schultz, Mary Pat Shandor, Richard Shandor, Tammy Vander Linden and Bill Wolff

Jan opened the meeting with reading the Mission and Vision statements and prayer and then a reflection on the life of St. Elizabeth of Hungary. She is the patron of Catholic Charities who married at 14, had 3 children, widowed at 20, joined the Secular Franciscan Order, caring for the poor and sick and died at age 24.

With the addition of recommendations by Wayne at our last meeting that the CSR Budget Chairman prepare a financial report on the Budget amounts, including contributions and disbursements for each year since the CSR Committee began, to assess trends and that the 24/7 Care Food Pantry also prepare an ongoing financial report on contributions and expenditures, the Minutes of the last meeting were approved as sent.

Budget – Bill: With our 2016-17 Parish allotment and money carried over from 2015-16, our current Budget for this year is \$27,763. \$16,450 has been approved for distribution thru this fiscal year and \$10,000 has been earmarked for the Pastor's Fund, Health and Wellness Committee, St. Vincent de Paul, Right to Life, Care Food Pantry, Parish Nurse and Prayer Shawl Committee. The CSR members decided that the balance on hand at the end of each fiscal year should be no more than 25% of the initial total revenue.

St. Vincent de Paul – Greg: For the year ending September 30, 2016, our Conference aided 146 people. This included 62 home visits, 278 elder care visits and 10 phone consults. Since our September meeting, there has been 13 more home visits. On November 5th 5 Vincentians traveled to Green Bay to help at the SVdP Store on the east side including sorting donations, organizing the sales floor and manning the cash registers. On November 17th, they will meet to decide coverage during the winter/early spring months in connection with the absence of seasonal members.

Health & Wellness – Barb: In addition to Blood Pressure Clinics, bulletin articles and working with the Northern Door H & W Committee which is meeting again on December 6th, they have been working on grant funding for the Parish Nurse. There is one applicant to replace the Parish Nurse who resigned recently.

Loaves & Fishes – Bill: Numbers attending have been up this past year but will decline now with winter. They have plenty of volunteers to help.

Respect Life – Monica: The Diaper Drive in October was another success with 3300+ diapers and 100+ wipes packages taken to the Diocesan Catholic Charities Office in Green Bay. November is Adoption month. In connection with Spiritual Adoption, posters are being placed in all churches following the baby's development during each of the 9 months. Life Matters bulletin articles will include Adoption, Advance Medical Directives, Domestic Violence, Pornography and Loved One at Life's End. The next meeting is December 13th.

Mission Trip – Jan: Four parishioners travelled to the Sunshine House in Sturgeon Bay on October 13th. They worked on projects in the morning and did activities with clients in the afternoon. Sunshine House is looking for help with assembling Christmas wreaths on Mondays and Tuesdays from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM but call before going to confirm.

Care 24/7 Food Pantry- Steve: \$2768.78 was collected with donations for parking in church parking lots at the Pumpkin Patch in Egg Harbor and Fall Fest in Sister Bay. Rich Shandor is helping with additional shelving at the Pantry. They now have a shopping cart and step stool. A new volunteer schedule has been prepared and the crew has been well trained on details like checking items for expiration dates. WBDK Radio is giving the Pantry

free advertising each month worth thousands of dollars. Joe Miller has volunteered to be the new voice on radio for the Pantry.

On Care of Our Common Home – Wayne: The movie “Before the Flood” will be shown on December 7th at 7:00 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Ephraim. Narrated by actor/environmentalist Leonardo DiCaprio, the film presents an account of complex events occurring around the world because of climate change as well as actions we as individuals and society can take to prevent catastrophic disruption of life on our planet. On September 17th Steve Coleman, a Catholic retired engineer from Madison, versed on the effects of climate change, Catholic Social Teaching and Pope Francis’ “Laudato Si” encyclical, and Debra Meyer, a member of the Waukesha County Green Team, presented a program at the Methodist Church in Egg Harbor on roles of churches in environmental issues.

Leadership Team – Becky & Jan: The main focus is on spiritual growth in the Parish. They have worked on the Mission and Vision statements and are now working on Values (Welcoming, Prayer, Joy, Holy Spirit and Breaking Silence/Talking about Faith). They meet monthly on the first Thursday at 10:00 AM in Sister Bay.

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes – Kristy: Over 120 boxes were collected this year, blessed by Fr. Dave and taken to Sturgeon Bay on November 20th. Our Toys for Tots bins will be placed in all open churches with collection thru December 9th. All items stay in Door County.

Project 30 – Wayne: Stella Maris parishioners collected 30 boxes of men’s clothing, about 100 winter coats, 150 hats knit by one lady, apples and potatoes which were taken to the South Dakota Sioux Reservation by Brian Stillwater the end of October.

Habitat for Humanity Fruitcake Sale: Fruitcakes will only be sold at open churches the weekend of November 17th and 18th this year. They will be available until gone at both Piggly Wiggly and Main Street Market.

Back Pack Buddies – Jan: Jan thanked Gibraltar School for trying the program but they sadly have decided not to do this year.

Adopt A Soldier Project – Mary Pat & Richard: Working with Nancy Hutchinson, the project was well received when conducted this past April. With Shandors plans to move, we THANK YOU for your efforts, including working at the Valmy brat/hamburger sales this summer, and wish you WELL. If you or someone you know would like to work on this project, please contact Jan.

Hunger Walk – Jan: Jan presented an idea for a Northern Door Walk for Hunger (possibly 1 and 3 mile) with proceeds for the Care Food Pantry. Further discussion will follow.

Reverse Advent Calendar – Jan: Jan also explained this idea, which CSR members approved, where parishioners are asked to take a box, available at 3 open churches, and each day of Advent place a non-perishable food item in the box. Information will be placed in bulletins and announced at Masses. On Christmas or soon after, boxes should be brought to church and CSR members volunteered to pick up boxes and deliver to the Care Food Pantry in Fish Creek.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17th, 2017 at 5:30 PM (New Time) in Sister Bay.

Respectfully submitted,

Beckie Hawker, Secretary