

Christian Service and Responsibility Committee Minutes

March 21, 2017

In attendance: Jan Liss, Becky Nash, Bill Wolfe, Tammy Vanderlinden, Marian Irmen, Jeanne Rabel, Kristy Nelson

- **Jan opened** the meeting with #3 on cover of blue parish book. Following that, Discipleship values and two handouts, "Breaking the Silence," and Allowing the Holy Spirit to Guide and Work Through Us were discussed.
- **Budget Report:** Bill reported that last years' allocation of **\$1,700** was donated to the Catholic Foundation projects, (chosen from the World Mission Service directory). The CSR committee voted to expand that amount to **\$2,000**. For this years' allocations. It was decided to allocate **\$500**. Each to four charities. They are: 1: Kenya (p.5) chickens, 2: Phillipines (p.7) Food supplement with needed vitamins, etc. 3: Haiti (p. 18) Food supplement with needed vitamins, etc. 4: Uganda (p. 22) The building of a school and water supply support. Also, a donation of **\$1,000.00** to the construction of church buildings in Tanzania came with quick follow-up pictures on the use of the allocation, that being the construction itself, and the blessing by the bishop of the area. The committee decided to make this an annual allocation for next year at least. The committee noted that a maximum balance of 25% of the total revenue allocated to the committee for giving would remain as the balance on hand, ensuring that funds be given out, rather than sitting in the account. **This years' donations: \$500** each to four charities. They are: Door Tran, Sturgeon Bay YMCA literacy fund, Altrusa and Backpack Buddies.

Updates

- **St. Vincent DePaul Society: Greg Berezewski** Twelve home visits were made between Feb. 7 and March 18, 2017. \$1,857.00 was disbursed to clients in January, and \$1,809.00 was disbursed to clients in February. A total of sixty-six calls have been made since November 15, 2016.
- **Health and Wellness-BARB** no report
- **Loaves and Fishes: Bill** reports that large groups have been in attendance throughout the winter, despite inclement weather.
- **Respect Life: Monica's** report indicates that the next meeting will be May 9, 10a.m. at St. Rosalia's. Three new endeavors: 1. Placing a memorial to the unborn at each cemetery site; 2. Holding a sock drive for the homeless and 3. A special blessing and card for Father's Day. There are also plans to have a Mother's Day Rose Sale. Respect Life meetings will be held the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at St. Rosalia's. They are continuing with the Spiritual Adoption program with the monthly posters and bulletin inserts, as well as "Life Matters" articles inserted in o the bulletin bi-monthly.
- **Mission Trip: Jan** A mission trip is planned for September 11-14 at SuCasa in Chicago.
- **CARE 24/7 Food Pantry: Steve** Watch for April meeting plans, which may include working with Feed America. Pantry shelves are always in need of more supplies. Marian reported possible abuse of the pantry allocation, which the group understands is always a possibility in this sort of honor system.

On Care of Our Common Home: Wayne Committee members have planned a program for the Parish CCW re: Planting Native Plants, presented to youth formation students on science and their religion and organized a presentation for Celebrate Earth Week (CEW) at the Ridges re: native plants, For the second year, Becky Nash worked with Interfaith Churches to add more churches (4 more for a total of 9) as signatories to an environmental Declaration that will be published in the Pulse's April 21st Sustainability issue and in sync with Celebrate Earth Week, April 22 - 29.

The following efforts are underway through collaborations: Holy Book Club - an annotated bibliography of Green Books. Men's Bible Study - Green / Environmental excerpts from the Bible. Liturgy Committee was asked to create Green messages through Liturgical components such as petitions, homilies, songs in sync with Celebrate Earth Week.

The committee is working with a myriad of local environmental organizations to produce Celebrate Earth Week'17 to bring Environmental lectures, 4 premiere movies, tree planting events to Door County. Parish members will be invited to all Celebrate Earth Week events.

Work continues with the Unitarian, Moravian and Methodist Churches to offer a workshop this Fall entitled "Climate Change, A Moral Imperative?!" with the goal to form a sustained coalition of people in Door County that return to their church community better prepared to improve their church efforts to Care for Our Common Home.

Leadership Team: Becky Nash May 16 meeting of the burning hearts group in Appleton for a planning day. Discipleship, evangelism, and how we can be of service with the "Living Justice" role will be discussed. All are invited to attend the April 6 leadership planning meeting at St. Rosalia's from 11:15 to 12 noon

Conversation Partners: Becky Nash A ministry of literature donated from the UU is being stored at St. Rosalia's, and is available for the purpose of teaching English to any non-English speaking persons. To date, there are five volunteers willing to work toward this end.

Old Business

- **Adopt-A-Soldier Collection: Jan**-Bins will be set into the three open churches (BH, EH,SB) for the month of April. Requested donations will be listed in the bulletin, mentioned in the announcements and on flyers to be put in each pew.
- **Hunger Walk:** Rather than a walk, the committee saw the advantage of using the parking lots of the churches during festivals to raise funds for hunger. Jeanne will coordinate this effort. Jeanne offered to assist with this effort.
- **Gibraltar Student Project: Jan** (no report, other than this may not take place)
- **Committee Name Change?** All committees are now under the "Living Justice" umbrella. Should we change the CSR committee name? Food for thought.

New Business

- **Worship committee request:** Avoid clutter in entry ways of churches during times of collecting for charities. The committee agreed that collections should not overlap, and last only one month per collection. Ideas include a dedicated spot in each entry, with a sort of kiosk for the effort that is under way. This kiosk could include literature and instructions on where to find the bins, boxes, etc. This idea and others will be pursued at future meetings.
- **Leadership Team Questions:** Meeting date: April 6, 10 a.m. St. Rosalia's
- **Box of Joy: Kristy** Catholic option to replace the Samaritan's Purse option?

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Nelson