

Christian Service and Responsibility Committee Meeting Minutes – July 18, 2017

In Attendance: Dave Callsen, Beckie Hawker, Jan Liss, Monica Mutchler, Becky Nash, Jeanne Rabel and Steve Schultz

Jan opened the meeting with a reading and members discussed their experiences with the 5 Discipleship Values, both in and out of church. With the following corrections made to the May 16, 2017 CSR Minutes: we “anticipate”, not “will receive \$16,000 from Stella Maris Parish”; Barb did not attend the H & W meeting in June; and the Worship Committee is visiting churches to provide more inviting entryways, not just for collection boxes; the Minutes were approved. Thank You notes/letters have been received from JAK’s Place, Northern Door Children’s Center, Adopt-A-Soldier/Nancy Hutchinson, Door County Habitat for Humanity and Stella Maris Sister Parish in Sumbawanga Diocese in Tanzania, East Africa. Cindy St. Aubin from the Diocese Catholic Foundation World Mission Services Projects thanked us for the \$500 each sent to the following programs: Clinic Services for Upendo Village in Kenya, a Food Program in the Philippines, Friends of Haiti Medical Group and to Uganda to build a school and bring safe water to schools.

Budget – Dave: With Bill Wolff’s resignation as Budget Chair, after serving since October 2011, Dave has agreed to assume the position and met with Jim Slomski. For our 2017-18 Budget, we will receive \$13,750 from the Parish, have \$9575 carried over from our 2016-17 Budget and are hopeful for an estimated \$5000 in donations this year for a total Budget of \$28,325. Jim has been given a list of approved allocations and will distribute as we have scheduled. Additional distribution of funds approved at this meeting: \$100 for Prison Ministry (Joe Miller), \$500 for Casa Alba in Green Bay, \$200 to Wayne Kudick for an interfaith full day workshop to be held on September 16th and \$300 for the Bridges Out of Poverty program to be held on August 21st. We will also review our funding for Feed My People and our 24/7 Care Food Pantry.

St. Vincent de Paul – Greg: Since our last CSR meeting, 16 calls for help were received, 9 of which involved home visits. Our Conference is scheduled to work at the SVdP East Side Store in Green Bay on Saturday, September 2nd. The Strawberry Fest in Sister Bay on June 24th resulted in a net profit of almost \$6100 after expenses. \$4100 was from the Fest, with another \$2000 in donations (\$1500 from generous parishioners/guests and \$500 from the CSR Committee for strawberries.

Health & Wellness – Jan: Meeting was held in June. They are looking into making soups for the needy, possibly working with Faith Formation classes, which could then be frozen til needed. Also considering a “Lunch for Joy” for shut-ins.

Loaves & Fishes – Steve & Jan: 88 meals were served last month and 24 people had their blood pressure taken.

Respect Life – Monica: The movie “40” was shown at the Parish CCW meeting in Baileys Harbor on June 15th. They again received a Monica Meyer grant from the Diocese which was used toward the purchase four grave stones “In memory of the born and unborn children who now rest in the arms of the Lord” for our four cemeteries. They are working with June Biemeret on placement. The Knights of Columbus also put on a Pancake Breakfast on July 16th to help with funding the grave stones. The nine month Spiritual Adoption ended in July and flyers were placed in church bulletins.

Mission Trip – Jan & Jeanne: Three parishioners traveled to Micah Center, a daytime resource center for St. John’s Homeless Shelter in Green Bay, on June 27th. In addition to yard work, they organized donations in the basement storage and kitchen areas. Another Mission Trip is planned to Su Casa in Chicago for September 11th thru 14th. So far 7 have signed up for that trip; contact Jan if interested.

Care 24/7 Food Pantry – Steve: Currently have \$3100 in the Pantry account. Items received from the Post Office Letter Carrier food collections in Fish Creek, Baileys Harbor and Egg Harbor were gone in less than a month. They have a few new volunteers. Collecting donations for parking in church parking lots in Egg Harbor, Sister Bay and Baileys Harbor is being re-evaluated.

On Care of Our Common Home – Wayne: About 6 people have been attending the “Catholics Going Green” sessions which began on June 20th and run for 6 weeks.

Leadership Team – Jan & Becky: The Pastoral Council will become active again by June 2018. A 3 person steering committee has been formed and a meeting will be held in September to further discuss. Meetings have been held monthly and will now be held quarterly.

Conversation Partners – Becky: There are 13 active learners and 10 teachers currently. Partners are asked to meet weekly for 1 1/2 hours if possible.

Prison Ministry: Joe Miller has been meeting with 3 or 4 men on Fridays at the Sturgeon Bay jail.

Box of Joy – Kristy: Box of Joy is sponsored by the Cross Catholic Outreach and similar to the Operation Christ Child Shoe Box Program. Because the box drop-off dates are November 4 thru 12 and the nearest drop-off location is close to Milwaukee, we are hoping to do our collection during the month of October. Kristy has requested a Project Leader’s Kit and more info will follow. If interested, check further at www.crosscatholic.org/boxofjoy

Collaboration/Advocacy – Jan: Living Justice chair people are working on a poverty platform, beginning with a Bridges Out of Poverty session on August 21st in Sister Bay.

New Business – Toiletry items – Jan: There is a use for hotel-type toiletry items, even ones that have been partially used, at the Salvatorian Mission Warehouse. Feel free to contact any of the many lodging businesses around Door County to save and collect from them.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 6:00 PM in Sister Bay.

Respectfully submitted,

Beckie Hawker, Secretary