

Christian Service and Responsibility Committee Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2017

In Attendance: Dave Callsen, Beckie Hawker, Jan Liss, Becky Nash, Kristy Nelson, Jeanne Rabel, Maggie Ter Horst and Guests: Elaine & Tom Mulligan

Jan opened the meeting with a reading of “Sterile and Incomplete” prayer. The five Discipleship Values (Welcoming, Prayer, Joy, Breaking Silence and Holy Spirit) were reviewed and members shared their experiences with them. With the following correction for Leadership Team – Becky: “The Leadership Team is reviewing the structure and by-laws over the next months and hopes to re-establish the Parish Council within the next 6 months”, the Minutes of our last meeting were approved as sent.

Budget – Dave: Budget items were discussed. We have \$2546 authorized expenses not yet used and \$15,750 authorized allocations not yet sent for an account balance of \$2991 as of October 31, 2017. Our Budget was helped this year with the carry-over balance from last year which will not be the case next year. We noted that the State Assembly has named Nancy Hutchinson, founder of Adopt-A-Soldier as a Hometown Hero. Former CSR members Mary Pat and Rich Shandor worked with her on collection of items and fundraisers. Collection boxes are currently in Associated Banks in Door County.

St. Vincent de Paul – Greg: Fifteen calls for help were responded to in Sept. and Oct. \$1602 was disbursed to clients and \$1207 was received in donations during those months. The last Conference meeting for the year will be held on Nov. 16th. With the majority of members gone for part or all of the winter season, the next meeting will be held in mid-May. Conference members will be volunteering at the SVdeP East Side Store in Green Bay on Dec. 2nd. Call Greg at 815-953-4871 for more info. Elaine mentioned that they are getting calls from more places for info on what SVdeP does, not just where stores are.

Health & Wellness – Barb: A decision was made not to do the soup project but they continue to work with the Northern Door Health & Wellness Committee.

Loaves & Fishes – Steve: Continues to go well.

Respect Life – Monica: Nothing new to report at this time.

Care 24/7 Food Pantry – Steve: \$853.31 was collected during 2 hours for parking in the Stella Maris church lot during Sister Bay Fall Festival. Sammi Rae’s is going out of business and donated 100 jars of pasta sauce, pickles and beets to the Pantry. Door County Medical Center also donated items collected at a fundraiser.

On Care of Our Common Home – Wayne: The Sept. 16th Interfaith Workshop “Earth Care: A Moral Imperative” gained 13 churches as sponsors. The funds from CSR were much appreciated and covered recruitment, printing and food expenses. All presenters contributed their time gratis. A video of the day was recorded. Though only four Stella Maris members

attended, they have a potential coalition of interfaith Earth Care advocates formed and planning continues.

Leadership Team – Becky: Met last week and discussed guidelines for re-establishing the Parish Council. Representatives from each of the four Parish Commissions (Family Life, Living Justice/CSR, Worship and Education) as well as the Stewardship and Discipleship Committees are needed. Still looking for Worship & Music minister and advertising in more places. Also discussed how well the Prayer Partners and Praying with Father are going.

Conversation Partners – Becky: Have 6 new partners from the Carlsville area and a wait list. The ESL instructor met again to train the teachers. CSR member Maggie Ter Horst is starting as a teacher.

Boxes of Joy – Kristy: This was our first year working with Cross Catholic Outreach and it was a good experience. Seventy four boxes were collected and blessed by Fr. Dave, then sent to Florida for sorting and distribution to “the poorest of poor”.

Toys for Tots Collection – Jan: This year’s collection will run from Nov. 11/12 until the end of Nov. We plan to do the Reverse Advent Food Collection again in December and will have an article in the church bulletin explaining.

Poverty Collaboration – Jan: About 15 people attended the Oct. meeting. The next meeting is on Nov. 30th with Amy Kohnle from United Way and with the Dean of Students from Gibraltar School. Hopes are to think of ways to change and overcome poverty in Door County and not just put band-aids on it. There will be a meeting of Organizing for Action from 9:00 to 12:00 noon on Nov. 18th at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Sister Bay. Training will be facilitated by Pastor Jim Honig who has 15 years experience as a leader and trainer in congregational-based organizing. The \$15 registration fee covers materials and refreshments. E-mail sotbpastor@gmail.com. Again, an effort to overcome poverty in Door County.

Habitat for Humanity Fruitcakes – Jan: CSR members will sell fruitcakes, for \$15 each this year, at the 3 open Stella Maris sites starting in Nov. until hopefully all sold.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 16th at 4:30 PM (NEW TIME) in Sister Bay.

Respectfully submitted,

Beckie Hawker, Secretary