

Christian Service and Responsibility Committee Meeting Minutes – January 16, 2018

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

Jan opened the meeting with a recap of the 5 Discipleship Values, a reading and reflection on what was it that made the disciples follow Jesus, leaving everyone and everything. And what about those left behind.

Minutes of the November meeting were accepted as sent. Thank You notes/letters have been received from the Salvation Army, YMCA, Cross Catholic Outreach, Altrusa and Feed/Clothe My People.

Budget – Dave: \$5637 in allocations and previously authorized expenses have been sent. \$2005 has been received in donations, including restricted funds of \$50 each for our Prison Ministry and Conversation Partners. Our Balance On Hand is \$17,655.

Care 24/7 Food Pantry – Steve: Over \$1700 has been received in donations and from fundraisers, including Tia Schultz's Christmas Cookie Sale and from friends of Joe and Nancy Miller in honor of Joe's 80th Birthday and their 17th Wedding Anniversary.

Conversation Partners – Becky: There are now 17 learners and no waiting list for partners.

Health & Wellness – Barb: Nothing new ... still doing Blood Pressures, placing articles in the church bulletin and working with the Northern Door H & W Committee.

Loaves and Fishes – Steve: About 70 people attended the November meal and the December 26th meal was cancelled. A potluck supper for the volunteers was held on January 9th.

Mission Trip – Jan: Our next will be a day trip on Monday, March 19th to the Salvatorian Warehouse in New Holstein.

On Care of Our Common Home – Wayne: No report

Respect Life – Monica: The U. S. Bishops invite all to join 9 Days for Life, a digital pilgrimage of prayer and charitable action, from Thursday, January 18th thru Friday, January 26th at www.9daysforlife.com. The latest bi-monthly bulletin article was on "Death Penalty: Catholic Q & A". While not a Catholic magazine, Focus On The Family "Citizen Magazine" has numerous articles each month on life issues. www.focusonthefamily.com

St. Vincent de Paul – Greg: For their year ending September 30, 2017, 234 individuals were assisted with a distribution of \$19,634 in funding. \$20,622 has been raised thru fundraisers, assistance from Stella Maris Parish and SVdP Green Bay District and contributions from the community. A \$10,000 anonymous donation was received in December. While they have a

decent cash reserve, with \$3378 disbursed for clients in December alone, a few months like this in a row could quickly draw down the reserve.

Leadership Team – Becky: A meeting is being held on January 17th where they hope to complete the guidelines. Plan now is to re-establish the Parish Council by June with a member from each of the 5 Commissions (Living Justice/CSR, Faith Formation, Worship & Spiritual Life, Parish Life and Stewardship) and new at-large members. All Faith Formation classes have teachers now.

Toys for Tots – Jan: We collected three full boxes this year.

Reverse Advent Pantry Collection – Jan: Thought will be given to modify for greater participation for this year.

Adopt-A-Soldier – Jan: We are looking for someone to co-ordinate but, after contacting Nancy Hutchinson, plan to do a collection in March for April this year.

Poverty Collaboration Update – Jan: Last week's meeting was cancelled but a meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 18th to re-cap and plan. There is a good representation from Stella Maris, as well as from Gibraltar and Sevastopol schools. The 8 session Income Equality class sessions have begun.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13th (a week earlier) at 4:30 PM in Sister Bay.

Respectfully submitted,

Beckie Hawker, Secretary