

Christian Service and Responsibility Committee Meeting Minutes -  
September 18, 2018

In Attendance: Dave Callsen, Beckie Hawker, Wayne Kudick, Monica Mutchler, Becky Nash, Kristy Nelson, Jeanne Rabel and Maggie Ter Horst

Subbing for Jan, Jeanne opened the meeting with our Mission and Vision statements and a reading from Luke 5:17-26. She then asked who are people in our lives who strengthened us by their faith? Most replied it was their dad and/or mom.

Budget - Dave: Dave distributed a list with income, expenses and organization allocations for our 2018-19 CSR Budget, along with the proposed Distribution Schedule. After discussion, changes from last year's Budget include removal of the Su Casa House donation, which we only do if we have a Mission Trip there, Special Olympics donation and a decrease in the \$1000 donation to \$500 for Feed My People. We will add a \$500 donation to Sunshine House. \$20 gift vouchers purchased by Kristy Nelson, 5 from Bargains Unlimited in Sister Bay and 5 from Green Door Thrift Store in Sturgeon Bay, have been given to Lynn Miller at St. Vincent de Paul for use by their clients.

Care 24/7 Food Pantry - With his daughter starting college, Steve is relocating to the southern part of Wisconsin to be closer to her and family. Jan will be doing the volunteers and stocking schedules and Julie Kudick will be ordering food and other items.

Conversation Partners - Becky: A meeting was held today and they will be doing training sessions. The program is growing with both teachers and learners.

Loaves & Fishes - With the Sister Bay site kitchen being closed because of a serious electrical problem, meals have been cancelled until repairs have been done, hopefully soon.

Mission Trip - Jan: A trip to St. John's Shelter in Green Bay is being planned for October or early November prior to the Shelter opening to help get it ready for the upcoming winter season.

On Care of Our Common Home - Wayne: The annual "Season of Creation and Day of Prayer" began Sept. 1st and will continue until Oct. 4th, the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, patron of animals and natural environment. Bishop Ricken had endorsed and signed the Catholic Climate Covenant's St. Francis pledge in June 2009. Our Deacon will hold a Blessing of Pets on October 7th. The Stella Maris Pastoral and Finance Councils have both approved a Green Purchase Policy. As in the past three years, Stella Maris will continue to support Celebrate Earth Week 2019, but the focus will shift to Arbor Day weekend on April 26th with events in Egg Harbor, instead of April 22nd, the internationally celebrated day, with Easter on April 21st.

Pastoral Council - Jeanne: One meeting has been held at which the Stella Maris Green Purchase Policy was approved and the Stella Maris Endowment Program was discussed. The next meeting will include a discussion on the purpose of the Pastoral Council.

Poverty Collaboration Update - Jan & Wayne: Jan-With its focus on affordable year-round housing, the group is working on a name change, possibly "Fostering Residential Economic Equity" and on Mission and Vision statements. Because of the Endowment talks this summer, the poverty talk has been rescheduled for Oct. 6/7 weekend. Fr. Ruby asked that a report be put together and presented so that

parishioners are aware of all of the Parish's efforts to help the poor. Please call Jan if you would like to read the prepared script that weekend for the following Masses, 4 PM Sat in Fish Creek, 8 AM Sun in Egg Harbor, 9:30 AM Sun in Sister Bay and 11 AM Sun in Baileys Harbor.

The Social Justice Little Library, for which the CSR Committee donated \$200, is now in place at our Sister Bay site. As an aside, as a result of networking with Kathy Toerpe from UU, both on the Library and Poverty Collaboration, she contacted Jan when someone in her church had a houseful of furniture and bedding they wanted to give to a refugee family. Thru a call to the Diocesan Office, the donors and a refugee family were connected. Wayne-On Oct 2nd members will travel to Green Bay's "Neighborhood Works" project and site where a variety of affordable housing project have been completed or are planned.

With meetings held at the newly opened NWTC Innovation Center in Sister Bay, a valuable relationship has been created. A portable Portrait Photo Gallery, tentatively titled The Face of Affordable Housing Need, has been proposed to describe local people who are living the challenges of un-affordable housing. This is mentioned to have CSR consider a possible \$500 contribution at the next meeting.

Respect Life - Monica: Nothing new to report.

St. Vincent de Paul - Greg (submitted after the meeting): Since our July meeting, 24 calls for help have been answered and \$4350 has been disbursed. On Sept. 8th seven members volunteered at the SVdP East Side store in Green Bay. On Sept. 13th local members gathered for a picnic at Peninsula Park's Welckers Point. On Sept. 27th members will celebrate the feast of St. Vincent de Paul with Mass at Sister Bay followed by breakfast at Al Johnson's.

Boxes of Joy - Kristy: Kristy will place boxes in all the church sites for the project which will start on Sept. 29th and run until October 28th. CSR members volunteered to monitor collection bins at each site and get boxes to Kristy.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13th at 4:30 PM in Sister Bay.

Respectfully submitted,

Beckie Hawker, Secretary