

ST PERPETUA OUTREACH COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 2, 2014

Members Present: Marie Bonilla, Sandi Gritzer, Terese Hagerty, Marj Ho, Joan Liston, Kitty Locke, Anne Meyer, Ann Porcella, Judith Russell, Pat Snyder, Mary Terjeson

Welcome & Prayer: Pat Snyder welcomed the members and opened the meeting with a prayer for those with illnesses in the St Perpetua Parish.

Speakers: There was not a speaker for the December meeting. Pat said that Michelle Martinez Kilty from SPRED (Special Religious Education) will be the speaker for January. Please let Pat Snyder know if you have a speaker for a future meeting.

Correspondence and agency updates/ Potential speakers: Pat reported for Sharon Flower who was absent: we have a thank you letter from Foster Family Network of CCC. The letter was passed around. Loaves and Fishes said thank you. Judith Russell reported that she spoke with Father John who asked her to speak with Christoph who has already moved forward with "Family to Family", a program sponsored by Catholic Charities of the East Bay which involves our Parish families assisting families who have special needs. Because our families are already involved in a ministry, it was decided not to go forward with the "Safe Families" program at this time.

Financial Report and Fund Distribution: Pat Snyder said that we need to make a point of being sure that the 5th Sunday collection for Outreach gets into the book so it is announced at Mass. Marie suggested that a notice be put into the previous week's bulletin. Sandy Gritzer agreed. Anne Meyer reported that we got more money this month than last. Our current balance is \$4,617. She assumes Buzz will ask for money (about \$100), and also the Shelter Dinner will probably ask. Since Project Hope received \$500 in October and will be receiving the sock/toiletry bags this month (socks may cost \$800), they will not be included in our distributions this month. Between socks and Buzz we probably have about \$3,600. Marj Ho said that all the cards for "Shoes that Fit" have been picked up. Not all have been returned yet. So far we have only had to buy one pair of shoes. Kitty suggested that the SHARE food pantry could use support this month. The committee looked at which groups were in need this month. Decisions were made to give \$500 each to STAND, Senior Outreach Services, Winter Nights, Hope Conference, and Shelter Inc. Kitty said that the time when everybody will need money is after the Holidays, in January. Pat Snyder said that next fifth Sunday is March 29th.

Christmas Food Drive: Ann Porcella asked if we could get lists to hand out, because we are out of bags. Sandi Gritzer said she will do that. Kitty reported that a man at the 8:00 mass took 10 bags. Sandy read the list of helpers who

will pass out and collect food bags at Mass: 5:00 Virginia and Sandy, 8:00 Kitty and Mary, 9:30 Sharon and Jerry, 11:00 Carol Weyer. Kitty, Virginia, Ann, Terese, and Pat will sort on the next two Mondays at 9:00 a.m. after Mass.

Anka Sock Project: Pat Snyder reported that it is all taken care of. The children will finish the packets on December 14th, and Pat will deliver them to Project Hope on December 15th or 16th.

Food Basket: Kitty reported for Bill that we had a generous collection.

Blue Barrel: Pat Snyder said that last month we had said we would talk about doing prom dresses. Marie Bonilla asked if we could do car seats or strollers. Since neither seems to be practical due to storage requirements, we will explore other options. We will plan for late February, sometime after the 18th, which is Ash Wednesday. Marj Ho will call Crisis Nursery for their needs.

Shoes That Fit: Marj Ho said we have given out 46 cards for shoes. Thank you notes are in a notebook down there. Marj said that she needs to find out how to contact Nancy Moser-Sears who signed up to drive. This week's delivery will be on Friday, instead of Thursday.

Publicity: Pat Snyder said it was so nice to have Sandi here to get her bulletin information as we went along.

Closing Prayer: The Committee members joined in saying the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting: January 6, 2014, Rotating Chairperson: Pat Snyder. Not sure about February. Judith Russell said she will be leaving town for a month or two, so someone else will need to take minutes for the Outreach Committee until she returns.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.