

St. Perpetua Outreach Committee Meeting

October 5, 2021

Members Present: Melly Narkiewicz (Chair), Dee Dee Hansen (Notetaker), Karen Kalvass, Ann Diemer, Kitty Locke, Pat Snyder, Mary Terjeson, Carol Weyer, Marj Ho, Marie Ward

Welcome and Prayer: Melly welcomed everyone and led the opening prayer, "Hail Mary."

Correspondence and Agency Updates:

- Janette Kennedy gave an excellent presentation on Loaves and Fishes that serves Contra Costa County. A copy of her PowerPoint is attached. Highlights included:
 - They serve hot meals every week day at their dining rooms in Antioch, Martinez, Oakley, Pittsburg, and Walnut Creek (Trinity Center). With the pandemic, the dining rooms are serving "to go" meals to clients. They have also expanded services in Martinez and Pittsburg to 7 days a week.
 - They plan to have a mobile unit/food truck that can take meals to people who cannot get to one of the dining rooms. Places include senior centers, transitional housing units, etc.
 - For the last fiscal year 251,000 meals were served.
 - There are food pantries at four of the dining rooms (not Walnut Creek). The Food Pantry consists of fresh fruits and vegetables, canned food, prepared food in containers from local grocers, dry cereal, crackers and bread.
- The committee discussed the virtual bulletin board. Mary contacted Christoph and she now has access but the committee needs to figure how best to implement the virtual bulletin board. Mary, Melly, Ann and Christoph will meet and see how this can effectively begin in the New Year.
- The committee continued the discussion on spotlighting within our group an agency each month. The decision was to start spotlighting in January.

Financial Report:

Ann Diemer presented the Financial Report. As she mentioned last month, there was a discrepancy between her figures and Wendy's. It now appears that Wendy's are correct (\$3735 balance at the end of September). Ann pointed out that on the spreadsheet there was a reimbursement request for September Shelter Dinner for \$320. (Since dinners are distributed in "to go" containers, the cost will be more and we should anticipate increased funding for these dinners.) Ann also recommended that, if the committee continues down the list with those agencies that are not highly funded and have only received \$1000 to date, five donations of \$500 each could be sent to Hope Conference, Options Health, Putnam Clubhouse, RotaCare and SHARE. That leaves a balance of \$916. The committee agreed with her recommendation. Also, October 17 is the next scheduled Shelter Dinner.

Food Drive:

- Food Drive for SVDP Food Pantry on September 19 was very successful. Ann delivered 55 bags of groceries from our generous parishioners and the pantry was very grateful.

- The next Food Drive is scheduled for Sunday, October 17 for Monument Crisis Center. Volunteers to help – Mary, Crystal, and Kitty. Marie will pick up on Monday and deliver to Monument.
- Mary will check with Monument and Dee Dee with the Food Pantry to see what they would like included in the list for the December Holiday Food Drive.

Other Activities and Items

- **Sock Project-** Mary contacted Kim Anderson, the new Faith Formation Director. Right now the decision was to pass on this project right now. The committee agreed to reach out to Kim early in 2022 and see if at that time we can coordinate this project or any other project with Faith Formation.
- **Shoes that Fit** - Marj and Carol were very successful in requesting shoe donations this past week using the “card system” in the back of the church. All 64 cards for children at Willow Cove School were taken. Unfortunately, they still has not heard back yet from Los Madanos.
- **Linen Drive** – Many sheets, pillow cases, pillows, and blankets were donated. Most were new and those used were by and large in excellent condition.
 - Mary took Queen sheets and blankets to CCIC
 - Marie took double/full to Friendly Manor
 - Karen took twin for Winter Nights
 - Karen took twin and full for Refugee Resettlement
- **Winter Nights** – the parish will participate twice, in December and in February. Lafayette Methodist Church will host families in December and St. Perpetua’s week is December 6-12. Just Faith will provide dinner on Monday (12/6) and the Lion’s Club will provide dinner on Saturday (12/11). Karen and Jan will coordinate meals/food for the week. Hopefully other parish and community organizations will take a day for providing food.
- Friendly Manor – Karen reported that Friendly Manor plans to have a soft opening on October 13. The plan is to be open for showers and laundry on Wednesdays in October. Clients can sign up on Monday for the following Wednesday. At the signup events, Friendly Manor is requesting 30 lunches for clients on 10/11, 10/18, 10/25 and 11/1. The committee felt that we could take one date and the best was 10/25.
- Coat Drive – “Share the Warmth” is scheduled for November 6 & 7 from 12:30 – 1:30 PM. Karen will touch base with receiving agencies.

Closing Prayer: We ended the meeting with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next meeting will be November 2 at 7:00 pm