

Ripples of Hope Outreach

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2022

6:00 p.m. ZOOM Meeting

Attendees: Patty VandeVoort, Donna Evers, Mary Brouillard, Kara Vassar, Lisa Thiry, Cathy Cross

Absent: Rita Thiel, Nancy Braatz, Paula Roberts

- I. Welcome: Patty welcomed us all
- II. Mary led the group in prayer. Mary will again be doing the prayer next month.
- III. Donna was the minute taker for this meeting.
- IV. Patty was the timekeeper for this meeting.
- V. Motion to approve the June 28 minutes were approved with the correction of Kara's name being both present and absent. They were motioned by Mary and Seconded by Donna.
- VI. Updates:
 - a. Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) – Chris Uitenbroek was expected to be here to report, but was unable to make it. Patty reported that the SHP group working the BINGO concessions has been working well and Chris is quite pleased with the money they are making. Our ROH group covered initial expenses to help get the concessions started. A motion was made by Lisa for ROH to continue buying the food for SHP until year end. Donna seconded. Motion carried.
 - b. Thanksgiving Update/Christmas Adopt-a-family – Patty reported that we are ready to send out invites to 23 parish families to see if they would like help for the Thanksgiving Day holiday. These names are either the same as last year, referrals from parish members, school families on lunch or tuition assistance or senior citizens in assisted living homes. These families will also be invited to receive gifts from our Adopt-a-Family program next month. These names are all handled confidentially through the parish office.
 - c. Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) – Patty talked to Fr. Carl about us joining another local parish to support this large effort. Patty talked to Fr. Ron at St. John's in Little Chute, and then Dcn. Bruce about this and they were very accepting of the idea. They will commit to 200 volunteers and \$20K in fundraising. We will supply 100 volunteers and \$10K, which is the minimum FMSC needs to come from Minneapolis and run the program. St. John's will also take care of the logistics, and because it is getting close to Advent in our church calendar, this will not be held until next year at the soonest; possibly Advent in 2024.
 - d. Sister Parish Fall Food Donations – Cathy brought up a load of food today and was happy to see more young people running the pantry and it is thriving. For our November collection in the past we have had the parishioners donate a certain item each day and bring it altogether in a box. This year we will put the donated food right on their church alter for Thanksgiving mass. After discussion, it was agreed that we will also allow our parishioners to donate money that we would use to buy food cards from their local grocery store

supporting their local economy. New this year, we will total up what a typical gift box of groceries would cost and list that in the Bulletin as a piece of information when determining how much a parishioner would want to donate.

- e. Harvest Tree – Lisa reported that the Harvest Tree will be going up this weekend and taken down before Thanksgiving. It will be promoted in the Bulletin this weekend.

VII. September Financials – Patty reported that we are healthy with a combined \$11K balance.

VIII. Other business:

- a. Lisa and Cathy updated our ROH website page and will send out a picture of it to the group for approval. We also talked a bit about ROH having its own logo. More discussion on that will happen next month.
- b. Donna asked if we should be meeting in person now – would that bring in other members to the table? After discussion it was determined that ZOOM is still working and easy for the group to use and most are very comfortable with it. For those members that are not comfortable or don't have the technology to use ZOOM, they can either go to the office in a meeting room with Patty, or ROH members can go to their home to teach them how to use what they have for a ZOOM meeting.

IX. Next meeting will be November 29, 2022 via ZOOM

X. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm

Submitted by,
Donna Evers