

Meeting Notes OLOS Christian Service Commission
November 6, 2023 7 p.m. ZOOM (updated 11.9.23)

ATTENDING: Valerie Fratello; Mary Ann Lahive; Michelle Davenport; Silvia Dudziak; Mary Tracey-Walsh; Kate Mason (notes & chair)

AGENDA:

‘Thinking of You’ Card Ministry: Valerie Fratello

Goal: Provide hand-colored and/or hand-crafted cards 4x a year to: At-home parishioners and residents at Foremost & CareOne - senior healthcare facilities.

Status:

Thanksgiving cards:

- Cards for at-home parishioners completed & will be mailed Mon., 11/13 (incl. Ruth’s to London)
- Cards being colored by younger kids at FF class due back this Sun., 11/12
To deliver to Foremost & CareOne by Fri., 11/17
Won’t know until Sunday if coloring help is needed

Holiday cards – (100) for Foremost & CareOne being done by FF classes

- Due to Tzipora next Wed., 11/14
- Due back to Valerie on Sun., 12/17
- Deliver to Foremost & CareOne by 12/20

Christmas cards for at-home parishioners

- To be colored at 11/19 & 12/10 coffee hours & 12/3 Advent Workshop
- [Need person to help at Advent Workshop 12/3](#). Will ask Marjorie if she can help & Tzipora if YC can help.
- Michelle can assist w/coloring at 12/10 coffee hour
- May need help with coloring cards if enough aren’t done by 12/10
- Mail by 12/15

Future: dates coming for Valentines, Happy Spring & Easter cards.

Evelyn House Christmas Collection - Michelle Davenport and Mary Ann LaHive

Goal: Provide gifts to each resident at Evelyn House; a Family Goody Bag to each room and gift for the staff by Thursday Dec 7

Status and actions:

Launched Gift Collection Nov 4-5 with pulpit announcement; flyers in church entry way; Sign up Genius; flyer in bulletin (Lynn) and in Service Opportunities (Tzipora); Giving Tree with 80 instructional tags

Reminders of Collection - Kate and Mary Ann will tweak the pulpit announcement for reminders over next few weeks

Ask for Flyer to be Link to Sign Up Genius - The flyer in the bulletin and the Service Announcements are not linked to the Sign Up Genius. The QR code provides access. Mary Ann will ask Monica, Lynn and Tzipora (and copy Michelle) to add the link. Michelle can provide the long link to the sign up.

Monitor Gift Collection: All Gifts and Supplies expected back by Nov 30

Online: Michelle and Mary Ann will respond to inquiries from parishioners

In Church - Mary Ann and Kate will collect the returned gifts until Dec 2 compilation in the Bullock Center

Monitor Family Supplies:

Michelle will add an instant oatmeal variety 10-pack to the family supplies on the Sign Up Genius usually covered by a donation that is pending. Two other items pending: granola bars and Holiday Cookies

Supply collection: Kate will collect supplies with Karen McM

Family Goodie Bags: 20 total

Purchase Bags: Mary TW provided Karen McManus with a variety of bags for the Family Goodie Bags for her review. Karen selected the Festive Holiday “Make it Merry” Gift Bag with the zipper (\$2 each). Mary TW will purchase the bags from the Kingston Ocean State store. Mary Ann will give her the \$20 donation from a parishioner to put toward the bags.

EH Staff Gifts: 14 total

Make Staff Gift Bags, Goody bag and Greeting Cards: Valerie will make a gift bag for each of the 13 staff and one director. This will include festive bag of candy, card and a Dunkin GC.

Dunkin Gift Certificates: Kate will pick up Dunkin cards using surplus funds from the 2022 Collection and drop off with Valerie.

Candy Bags (34 total)

Valerie will be preparing (34) candy bags using donated candy – (20) for room bags and (14) for staff gifts. She will coordinate getting these and the staff gifts to Karen.

Compile Gifts - Saturday, Dec 2 - Bullock Center compile the gifts and Family Gift Bags.

Attending: Michelle, Mary Ann, Silvia, Valerie, Mary, Kate

Request: Bring extra Holiday gifts bags of the medium to large size to the Dec 2 session. Mary Tracey Walsh donated a lot of tissue paper - thank you, Mary!

Kate will bring large bags and room labels.

Delivery to EH: Thursday Dec 7 around 4 pm

Available: Michelle, Mary Ann; Mary TW, Silvia

Details to be finalized at the Dec 5 meeting

Miscellaneous

- CSC Recruitment - Silvia will put a flyer for CSC in O’Connell Hall. Valerie will have it on the card making tables during coffee hours.
- Migrant Families: We will ask Tzipora if there is a plan for providing gifts for them for the Holidays.
- Salmeron Family - Silvia updated us that the Salmeron Family seem to be doing well.
- CSC updated contact sheet - Kate will send to the group via email

Next 2023-2024 Meetings Dates via Zoom unless otherwise noted

December 2 - 9 am-12 at Bullock Center to Compile the EH gifts

December 5

January 9

February 13

March 12 (Easter is March 31)

April 9

May 14

June 11