

## **Notes** (v.1 -Sept 10, 2025)

### **OLOS Christian Service Opportunities Commission (CSOC)**

**Tuesday, September 9, 2025 7 pm Zoom**

**Attendees:** Ginny Devlin; Monica LaFond; Alex Polidori; Mary Ann LaHive; Valerie Fratello; Silvia Dudziak; Mary Tracey-Walsh; Paula St. Pierre; Kate Mason (chair & notes)

**Note: Actions are in green.**

#### **Welcome Back Everyone and Welcome Alex Polidori**

- We welcomed Alex Polidori and introduced ourselves and our ministries.
- Monica provided the background on the parish plan that recommended **Service** be under one umbrella. This will be reflected on the OLOS website with both Alex's service projects and Christian Services being listed together.
- Last year we renamed ourselves to Christian Service Opportunities Commission.

#### **Mass at the Lake & Picnic on September 14 - Monica**

- Mass will be at 10:30am followed by the Parish Picnic. In case of rain, the Mass will be held in the church and the picnic will be in O'Connell Hall.
- **Lynn is still looking for help with the picnic. Please contact her if you can provide support.**
- The Parish will provide sandwiches.
- Parishioners are invited to bring the following for the Mass and the Picnic:
  - canopies, chairs and blankets and
  - a side dish or a dessert to share AND games to play.
- The Radical Hospitality Commission will have a WELCOME table at the picnic with:
  - Parish banner and table covering designed and coordinated by Valerie Fratello
  - Parish Ministry Booklet coordinated by Lynn and Monica.
  - Parish brochure and bookmark designed by Kate.
  - Card Crafting Flyer in plastic stand.

#### **Bath Towel and Facecloth Collection for Evelyn House (EH) - September 1-14 - Kate**

- We are collecting bath towels and face cloths for EH. Background: After meeting with the House Manager, we learned that they had plenty of Family Care Kits but could use some of the other essentials that families receive when entering EH and will take with them when they leave such as pillows; twin sheet sets; towels and facecloths.
- **Kate will contact EH to get the name of the new House Manager; discuss the collection and plan a meeting with that person to talk about our ministries. She will invite members of the CSOC to join her for that meeting.**

#### **Sharon Day Sunday, October 5th - 11am-3pm at Memorial Beach (near the bandstand) - Monica**

- OLOS Parish will have a booth at Sharon Day for the first time this year. Sharon Day used to be Square Jam held in the center of Sharon. We will have a 10 foot by 10 foot spot to put a 6-8' table; two chairs and a canopy. No food giveaways without Board of Health approval
- OLOS Booth will feature card coloring for CareOne and Foremost from our Card Ministry that Valerie is coordinating. Help is needed to work the booth.
- **Monica will send everyone a Sign Up Genius that Valerie created to sign up to "work" the Sharon Day booth for short periods of time.**

## Card Ministry & Card Crafting Fair on Nov 9 at Coffee Hour - Valerie

- (see Valerie's Full Summary below)
- **Help needed for November 9th Card Crafting Session on Nov 9. It will be during coffee hour.**  
Valerie will create and circulate a Sign-up Genius for the Nov 9 event.
  - preparing materials ahead of time. **Contact Valerie if you can help**
  - setting up for card crafting (early morning Nov 9)
  - work at a table at the Card Crafting Session on Nov 9
- **Help delivering cards to CareOne and Foremost:**  
Thanksgiving cards (by Nov 22) and Holiday Cards (by Dec 20) to CareOne and Foremost:
  - Volunteers: Ginny; Mary Ann; Silvia; Mary Tracey-Walsh; Paula St. Pierre; Kate
- **Donate Happy Holiday Cards (non-religious) by Nov 1 to Valerie.** (optional)

## Topics for October 14 Meeting:

- **Hats and Scarves Ministry - Paula St. Pierre**
  - Paula would like to sign up people interested in being part of a knitting/crochet ministry.
  - **Kate will create a Sign Up sheet for Paula to use at coffee hours.**
  - **Paula will connect with Kate about details for the flyer for the bulletin.**
- **EH Christmas Collection and Holiday Party**
  - In preparation for discussing details at the Oct 14 meeting, Kate will
    - **call EH to schedule time to meet the new house manager and plan a date.**
    - **contact Mark Payson (Santa). He had suggestions after last year's party. Will invite him to the Oct 14 meeting**
  - Most CSOC members are interested in participating in an "in House" EH party. Thank you! We will know more as we get closer to December.
  - EH Gift Collection is generally mid November to very early December.

## Detailed Notes on Card Ministry for Thanksgiving and Winter Cards from Valerie

The card-making program for the upcoming Faith Formation academic year will include 4 phases with the following planned execution, as we've been doing in recent years:

1. **THANKSGIVING (Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>)**
  - Cards will be handcrafted, all at one event. **The card-crafting fair will be held from 9:30am-12:30pm at O'Connell on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.**
  - This will start right before coffee hour and extend for 90 minutes beyond end of classes.
  - There will be 4 crafting tables (reduced from 6 last year) plus card coloring at approx. 6 round tables w/chairs in center of room.
  - Refreshments will be served. May need donations of baked goods, cider, apples.
  - Will need approx. 14-16 volunteers to set up, dismantle and facilitate. Will launch online Sign-Up in October.
  - Promotion via bulletin, service opportunities email, signage (small signs, poster), flyers, Sharon Day booth
  - **November 17** - Mail to at home parishioners
  - **By November 22** – Deliver to CareOne & Foremost
  - Next steps:
    - Collect supplies, inventory existing, purchase new

- Valerie to mock-up card designs & review w/Alex (Sept).
  - When finalized prepare components (cutout shapes, stickies, etc)
- V. to ask Tzipora & Carol H if interested in helping w/prep & event
- V. to prepare list of items needed for each table (card supplies + hand wipes, trash bins, pens, etc) & work w/Alex to prepare)
- Inventory existing plastic table covers, buy new as needed
- Prepare signage for above each craft station & on coloring tables (sign first name only, who the cards are for)
- V. to provide A. w/files for all printing needs (coloring cards, possible labels)
- Update at-home parishioner mailing list
- Directory/map poster in foyer?

## 2. CHRISTMAS/HAPPY HOLIDAYS

- **Need ~80 colored Christmas cards to be done at Advent Workshop (Nov. 23) and in one FF class (Dec. 7)**
  - Teen facilitators will be recruited for Advent Workshop coloring table
  - V. to provide A. with 60 Christmas coloring cards & stickers for FF class by Dec. 3
- **Need ~80 purchased Happy Holidays (non-religious) cards to be signed at Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> & Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Coffee Hours**

  - Donations of pre-printed cards & stickers accepted; Valerie will purchase balance needed.
  - Volunteers needed for 2 Coffee Hours
  - **Mail parishioner cards by Dec. 13**
  - **Deliver Happy Holidays & Christmas cards to Foremost & CareOne -Dec 20.**

## 3. VALENTINES

**Purchased cards to be signed & stickered at coffee hours in late Jan/early Feb.**

## 4. EASTER/HAPPY SPRING

**Handcrafted & colored cards done at one day card fair in March.**

**\*\*Card coloring packets will be available on request for pick-up from Bullock.\*\***