

# NOTES

OLOS Christian Service Opportunities Commission (CSOC)

**Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 7 p.m.**

**ATTENDEES:** Valerie Fratello, Silvia Dudziak, Paula St. Pierre, Ginny Devlin, Monica LaFond, Kate Mason (chair & notes)

**March Notes** - Kate will correct a typo and send to Monica for the website.

## **AGENDA:**

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### **Parish Topics - Monica LaFond**

- Monica is working with Marie Martin on the schedule for Holy Week
- Music Director search is going well
- Service programs are the same for April with the inclusion of collection for the immigrant families

### **Review of Card Crafting Fair March 23 - Valerie Fratello**

There were 233 usable cards created at the March 23 Card Crafting Fair.

*Full report is on page 2 of this document.*

### **Update Easter Baskets for Evelyn House - April 9 is “due date”**

All the items in sign up genius are taken. Michelle has been collecting wonderful and generous Easter Baskets this year. She will balance them and deliver them to Evelyn House.

### **Food Pantry and Spring Cleaning Collection - Ginny Devlin**

Ginny would like to have the Spring Clean-up Collection dates from May 3-18.

Bulletin Notices will go in April 26-27 and May 3-4. Kate will edit flyer and send to Ginny.

### **Needles for God's Work - Hats and Scarves Ministry - Paula St. Pierre**

Paula thought starting after Easter might be possible to gauge interest. She will email the list of people who were interested a few years ago and will check with Lynn Jacobs to see when the Bullock Center is available for an afternoon and an evening time.

### **Care Kit Collection Discussion - Kate Mason and All**

Last year we collected only Family Care Kits for the Evelyn House in June. The Personal Care Kits were not being used by the SPD. The detective in charge retired and the new person was still transitioning into the role. Kate will check with Evelyn House to see if the Family Care Kits are needed.

### **Ice Cream Party Basket For Trivia Night - Valerie Fratello and All**

Most of the items for the Trivia Night basket has been signed up for. We will assemble the basket after Easter at Kate's house. Silvia will be traveling and will drop off the Crescent Ridge Gift Cards with Kate.

## **Next Meeting - May 13**

**2024-2025 meetings dates: Please add to your calendar**

May 13

June 10

## **SPRING CARD CRAFTING FAIR REPORT from Valerie Fratello**

**Total of (233) usable cards were created;** exceeding our target of (150)

- (106) Easter
- (127) Spring

*To be distributed as follows:*

1. (50) Easter cards to parishioners to mail on Wed., 4/9
2. (136) cards to deliver to Foremost & CareOne this weekend, 4/12.
  - (23) Easter cards & (45) Spring cards to each center = (68) cards each
3. (10) Easter cards w/personalized notes being mailed to seminarians
4. (37) remaining Happy Spring cards are in closet storage (with remaining materials) for future use
5. This week Christine P. dropped off signed (printed) Easter cards at Bullock. I'll pick up and either distribute to Foremost & CareOne once I add OLOS signature or save for use next year.

*Comments:*

- Attendees were mostly (if not all) people who typically go to coffee hour
- Signs hung above each table identifying various types of cards to make were helpful
  - Additional clarity re: various crafting stations would be useful as there was some confusion. Add poster in foyer w room layout showing table locations & card thumbnails; also smaller versions of poster as signs on round tables. Perhaps number each station and have a corresponding numbered balloon at each station.
- A couple of families who are very active with cardmaking at coffee hours were not there as they were busy at Cottage with their fair
  - We had hoped scheduling our fair on same day as Cottage's would leverage stronger attendance but seems it was more of a conflict instead. Avoid doing that in future.
- Agreement to reduce the number of different card designs next time. This will simplify materials purchase & prep and reduce number of helpers. We had (4) Spring + (3) Easter crafts + coloring cards at tables – recommend in (3) Happy Spring + (2) Easter + coloring cards in future.
- We had good size crew (who were all very productive in cardmaking). A big THANK YOU to all who made it happen, including teen facilitators, staff, Carol Haladyna, Youth Commission & CSC members
  - Plenty of refreshments (including gf!)
  - Perhaps another clean up volunteer in future?
- Thank you note in bulletin – Valerie to discuss w/Tzipora
- Valerie to send Easter card w/thank you note to Christine Ponte