

## **St. Mary's Christian Service Commission Minutes**

**June 6, 2019**

**Members present:** Lorie Bronson, Fred Fedorowicz, Barb Griffith, Ann Fraser, Stephanie Sconochia, Jennifer St. Bernard, and Connie Janus.

**Excused:** Glenda Gentner, John Castiglione

### **OPENINGS:**

#### **I. Opening Prayer:**

- Lorie opened our meeting with a prayer to the Holy Spirit

#### **II. Approval of Minutes:**

- Minutes were accepted with the following changes:
  - Under Goals: Goal #2, Obj. # 2: Dates for the Women's Retreat should be changed to March 13 – 15, 2020

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **A. Continue participation in the retreats.**

- Lorie reported that articles would be put in the chronicle written by people who have attended a retreat and how that experience affected their lives. The dates for the upcoming retreats are: Men's retreat will be held on Sept. 27 – 29<sup>th</sup>., the women's will be held on Mar. 13-15<sup>th</sup>, at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center.

#### **B. Participation in the Fair Parade:**

- Lorie said preparing a float at the Vicariate Level was not viable. The parish staff discussed participating in the parade at one of their meetings and thought perhaps we should invite St. John, and St. Michaels Parish to join us. An idea for the float was to have the choir sing. Jennifer will contact Susan Mathe to ask if they had any large farm wagons available that could be used.
- We should encourage John Raymond to get onboard with this idea

#### **C. The Annual Bed Race for Children's Ministry at the First Presbyterian Church.**

- We need to find someone to organize and be chairperson for St. Mary. Marie Eby was suggested as someone to contact.

#### **D. New Testament Children's Bible.**

- There are bibles still available if the families of children being baptized would like one. The Christian Women are also considering giving out a box for Sacramental Records as a Baptism gift.

### **I. Ministry reports**

#### **A. Greeters**

- Lorie Holden has volunteered to be in charge of the Greeter Ministry. She will be doing the scheduling for the greeters. She has also obtained name badges for the greeters to wear to identify themselves

#### **B. Bereavement**

- No report

#### **C. Stephen's Ministry**

- No report

#### **D. God's Works!**

- They are still in need of point people. Consideration has been given to no longer providing meals if enough point people cannot be found. A decision will be made in the fall.

#### **E. Prayer Shawl Ministry**

- No report

#### **F. Habitat for Humanity**

- The build scheduled for June was cancelled.

#### **G. Hospitality**

- Lorie reported the Hospitality Ministry is going well

#### **H. Mrs. Claus**

- No report

#### **I. Peace & Justice**

- Lorie reported the ministry is finishing up the calming kits for the churches. She is working with Marsha Laskey and others as to how they will present these kits to the other churches
  - There will probably be an educational meeting in January on dealing with people, what you say and don't say to others
- In the Spirit of Giving
  - They are doing a weekly decluttering of their inventory
  - More people have been willing to help In the Spirit of Giving
- Lorie said they are looking into having reusable sanitary pads sewn for women in Haiti.

#### **J. St. Vincent de Paul**

- Jennifer reported on her attendance at the Mid-Eastern Conference in Dayton, Ohio for Presidents of St. Vincent de Paul councils in MI, OH, IN, & KY
- Jennifer said she brought back great information from the inspirational speakers

#### **K. Christian Women**

- Monies raised from the Soup Luncheons went for the following:
  - St. Vincent de Paul received \$4408.00
  - Three (3) chalices will be re-gold-plated for a cost of \$1000.00
  - Two (2) scholarships of \$500.00 each for MCES
  - Two (2) scholarships of \$500.00 each for SMCC
- Christian Women continue to run bingo games at Fountain View and donate fruit to GodWorks! throughout the summer
- Members also contribute to Heartbeat individually

#### **L. Respect Life**

- No report

#### **M. Transportation**

- Drivers are needed to help transport the homebound people to the weekend Masses, especially the 4:30 and 11:30 masses

#### **N. EME's to the Sick & homebound**

- Fr. Bob and Lorie started visiting some of the people that are homebound and in nursing homes to anoint them, hear confessions, etc.

### **II. New Business**

#### **A. Health Ministry**

- Carrie Kuras will offer AED & CPR training on June 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> especially for ushers and greeters.
- We will be developing a Parish Response to Emergency Situations (PRES) by September, in accordance with the AOD guidelines. Various parishioners will help write up the plan.

#### **B. Fr. David's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the Priesthood is June 25<sup>th</sup>**

- There will be a potluck meal after the 4:30 mass on Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>
- Barb will contact the Christian Women to see how they want to be involved.
- Ushers will handle the grilling
- This will be a joint event with St. John's parish
- Let Lorie know if you want to help with this celebration

**OPEN FORUM:**

Nothing to report

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

- Members recited a prayer to the Holy Spirit

**Next Meeting:**

- August 2, 2019 at 3:00 pm in Heritage Hall

Minutes submitted by Connie Janus

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**III. Goals**

**Goal 1. Call all people to an active life in the parish.**

**Obj. #1)** Invite and secure a commitment to be greeters at mass from 5 families by October 31.

**Obj. #2)** Write and publish monthly in the Chronicle and on Facebook, a summary of various Christian Service Ministries to educate, invite and encourage participation.

- *(We developed a yearly calendar assigning each ministry to a specific month. See list at the end of report.)*

**Goal 2. Create engaging faith formation opportunities for parishioners of all ages.**

**Obj. #1)** Offer spiritual renewal/enrichment at every gathering. (prayer, scripture, music, guided reflection/meditation.)

**Goal 3. Reach out as a visible and welcoming presence in the community**

**Obj. #1)** ~~To assemble, offer and encourage participation of at least 10 people to participate in the fair parade each year.~~

**Amended to read:** We will distribute a sign-up sheet to the various parish ministries, asking them to participate in the fair parade, by the end of April 2018

**Obj. #2)** ~~To form a team of at least 4 people to participate in the annual Bed Race for the Children's Bed Ministry at the Presbyterian Church in 2018~~

**Amended to read:** We will distribute a sign-up sheet to the various parish ministries, asking them to participate in the annual Bed Race for the Children's Bed Ministry at the Presbyterian Church in the fall of 2019, by the end of April. In addition, we need to come up with a name for our team.

**Goal 4. Serve Christ by serving others.**

**Obj. # 1)** A New Testament Children's Bible will be given to all infants baptized at St. Mary in 2018, provided by the Christian Women.

**Obj. # 2)** Recruit and train at least five Stephen Ministers by the end of May 2018.

**Obj. # 3)** Recruit at least two youth/young adult groups to serve as God Works teams in 2018.

**\* Calendar of ministries to be highlighted in the Chronicle & on Facebook**

<b>Oct.</b>	Rosary Makers	<b>Apr.</b>	Habitat for Humanity
<b>Nov.</b>	Prayer Shawl & God Works	<b>May</b>	Christian Women
<b>Dec.</b>	Giving Tree	<b>June</b>	Bereavement
<b>Jan.</b>	Peace & Justice -Respect Life	<b>July</b>	Visiting Eucharistic Ministers
<b>Feb.</b>	Hospitality	<b>Aug.</b>	Health Ministry
<b>Mar.</b>	Organic Garden	<b>Sept.</b>	St. Vincent de Paul

**Calendar of Events:**

June 13, 2019 – Widows Gathering  
June 17<sup>th</sup> – John Wood “Ordinary Lives Extraordinary Mission  
June 17<sup>th</sup> and 18, 2019 - AED & CPR training  
July 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> – Rosary Makers Trash & Treasure Sale  
July 28, 2019 – Monroe County Fair Parade  
August 11<sup>th</sup> – Mudhens Game  
August 24, 2019 Fr. David’s Anniversary Party after the 4:30 Mass  
September 27 – 29, 2019 - Men’s retreat  
March 13 – 15, 2020 – Women’s retreat