

St. Mary's Christian Service Commission Minutes
September 27, 2016

Members present: Lorie Bronson, Fred Fedorowicz, Stephanie Sconochia,
Barb Griffith, Glenda Gentner, Ann Fraser, John Castiglione and Connie Janus.

OPENINGS:

- I. **Opening Prayer:**
 - Lorie opened our meeting and led the members in reciting the Opening Prayer.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - Minutes were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS:

- I. **Bereavement Ministry – ‘Good Mourning’**
 - John Castiglione reported that there are four teams in place that will take turns contacting the parish family of the deceased person. They will make phone calls, send cards, offer the services of Fr. Or Lorie, etc.
 - Currently, each team is working with two families each.
 - The teams will be meeting in October with our priests and Lorie to share information, compare notes and see how the ministry is progressing.
- II. **St. Mary Organic Garden**
 - Lorie reported that our first year garden was a success.
 - Home grown produce was shared with God Works!, The Lord’s Harvest Pantry, St. Joseph’s Food Closet, Oaks of Righteousness and the gardeners themselves.
 - The Boy Scouts will be clearing the garden in preparation for the ground to be tilled.
 - It was suggested that next year they will begin early by starting our plants from seed
- III. **Hospitality Committee**
 - Barb explained that we have selected four leaders that will oversee a team of about 3-4 volunteers to attend the various events held at St. Mary.
 - The first event, The Wedding Jubilee breakfast was very successful. The hospitality team put on a top-notch affair, using the white tablecloths and our best table settings.
- IV. **Transportation Committee**
 - We are desperately looking for ideas on how we can encourage people to become involved in this ministry.
 - There are several people requesting transportation to Mass on Saturday and Sunday.
- V. **Representative for Parish Council**
 - Fred will continue to be our representative from Christian Service to attend the PPC meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

- I. **Health Ministry**
 - **Blood Drive**
 - The blood drive held on Sept. 24 netted approximately 34 pints of blood.
 - Lorie felt the fact that there was another blood drive at the same time probably lowered our collection count.
 - We will not be hosting another drive in December.

- **AED/CPR**
 - Carrie Kuras is teaching a training class on Sept. 27 and one on Sept. 28 for the PPC.
- **Emergency Bags**
 - We have acquired two emergency bags filled with various medical equipment.
 - One will be placed in the back of the church and the other near the PLC and the gym.
 - The gentleman that donated many of the supplies will be acknowledged at an upcoming mass.

VI. St. Joseph's Food Closet

- Lorie talked with the St. Vincent DePaul members. They said they would make a monetary donation to St. Joseph's food Closet when they can. At this time, they are in need of the food collected at our church.
- We discussed putting an article in the Chronicle explain the Food Closet and their needs.

Action Items

Person Responsible

Ask John Coilino to write an article for the Chronicle Fred

OPEN FORUM:

I. Mrs. Claus

- Stephanie said her team is gearing up for this year
- She discussed how to get referrals to make sure needy families are not being left out
- They have continued to support various people throughout the regular year

II. Prayer Shawl Ministry

- Glenda reported they had a new member join them
- They have been receiving donations of yarn, but need colors that are appropriate for men
- The prayer shawls will be blessed and distributed at the "Anointing of the Sick Mass" on Nov. 12, at the 4:30 pm mass. Prayer shawls will be available at that Mass for those who are anointed.

III. Craft Show

- The craft show will be held on Sat., Oct. 15
- There are still spaces open for crafters
- Proceeds will go to In the Spirit of Giving and St. Vincent de Paul
- It was suggested that next year we could consider proceeds going to St. Joseph Food Closet

IV. Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick

- Fr. David and Lorie will be holding training sessions on Oct. 13 at 1:30 and Oct. 19 at 6:30 pm in the Social Hall

V. Human Trafficking

- Lorie said there will be an informative program held at the ISD on Oct. 8 from 8 – 4 pm on Human Trafficking
- Teresa Duffin who heads up the Human Trafficking in Monroe along with other officers are teaming up with Kroger's in Dundee to sponsor several families for Thanksgiving and was asking for referrals
- Stephanie will give Lorie several names of families that they could sponsor

Action Items

Person Responsible

Email list of referrals to Lorie Stephanie

VI. Year of Mercy – Visit the imprisoned

- Lorie passed around two cards for our team to sign and send encouraging words to a parish member and prisoner in the held in U.P.

VII. Called & Gifted

- The Called and Gifted is a three-part discernment process intended to help lay Catholics discern their charisms
- The workshops will be held on the Thursday evenings of October 20 – November 10 at 7:00pm – 8:30pm in the Parish Life Center

VIII. Vision for our Parish

- Fr. David and the PPC want to get input about what direction we want for St. Mary and specifically the Mission Statement.
- This will be a gathering of parishioners to share their ideas on Oct. 4, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at SMCC.
- All of our committee members are encouraged to attend

IX. Christian Women

- Barb reported the CW will be holding their soup luncheons on the first Wednesday of each month and each Wednesday during lent with the exception of Ash Wednesday.

X. Website

- Connie brought the committee up to date on how our website is developing.

XI. Jazz Festival Open House update

- John Sat outside the church and invited visitors attending the Jazz Festival to come in and view our church. He said most people had never been in the church before and enjoyed seeing the inside of our church.

CLOSING PRAYER:

- Members recited the closing prayer.

Next Meeting:

- November 29, 2016 at 6:00 pm in Lorie's office.

Minutes submitted by: Connie Janus