

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 5, 2023

7:00-8:30PM

VIRTUAL

TYPE	St. Joseph's/Holy Spirit Social Outreach Team
FACILITATOR/ SCRIBE	Anne Bell
ATTENDEES	<p><u>SJ</u>: Anne Bell, Terry Bedford, Sharon Burke, Barbara Bruce, Jacquie and Chuck Canham, Sue Corsall, Duncan Harris, Margaret Jones, Lori Mahar, Fran McCarthy, Ruth Marchetti, Jeff Mosca, Karen Reimringer Marilina Shaughnessy</p> <p><u>HS</u>: Patricia Schichler</p> <p><u>Absent</u>: Margaret Leinberg, Patty Vermilion</p>

SOCIAL OUTREACH CATECHESIS

DUNCAN HARRIS

Catechesis	Catechesis-Care for God's Creation—Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World by Katherine Hayhoe
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SOCIAL OUTREACH PLANNING

2022-2023 Social Outreach Meetings 9/8, 10/6, 11/3, 1/5, 2/2, 5/4, 6/1

Social Outreach Mission Statement (revised 9/10/2021)

As Disciples of Christ, we seek to be a sign of God's love to the world by personal example, response to current issues, active outreach both locally and globally and unwavering dedication to social ministry. Through this action, we will both challenge and engage St. Joseph's and Holy Spirit's community to encounter and serve the poor and vulnerable and advocate for social justice in support of Catholic Social Teaching.

Agenda:

- Prayer
- Intro new members
- Catechesis Section 3
- Concern raised at Parish Council regarding SO Bulletin articles
- Ministry Updates- All

Tithing Barbara Bruce

No meeting since October 24, 2022.

Our next meeting is January 23rd, 12:30 on zoom.

INDIVIDUAL MINISTRY UPDATES

MINISTRY	STATUS
Penfield Hope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of families served is about 50% more than last year. • We are assisting approximately 12 - 15 Ukrainian families on a bi-weekly basis. • We provided Thanksgiving and Christmas food distributions for 60+ Penfield Hope families.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This year during Thanksgiving and Christmas Penfield Hope served almost double the number of Penfield and Penfield School district children and families as compared to last year. (Serving 70+ families and 150+ children)
Holy Spirit	<p>The Ladies auxiliary collected for Toys for Tots and Women's Care center as part of Gifts from the Heart.</p> <p>Delivered our Christmas cards to Bay Wind Senior Living Center. Nothing new until our first meeting the end of January.</p> <p>The Prayer Shawl Ministry held their 2-weekend sale of handcrafted items for donations to March for Life and Caring Choices.</p>
St Mary's Refugee Outreach – Cathy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cathy and Duncan have met with their new leadership and are working to established renewed linkage to their evolving programs. We are doing a hygiene product drive for Mary's place including shampoo, deodorant, bar soap, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. Will continue to meet regularly to provide support of new programs as they develop.
School 50-Patty	<p>School 50 is slowly, but surely, returning to full integration of volunteers. Most of the teachers are eager to have us back and volunteers are returning. I am actively looking for more solid help. Please let me know if you know of anyone who might like a new challenge. We have stopped buying bags of food from Foodlink (as of 1/1) and the school is now operating a small food pantry within the building. There have been a couple of food drives in the community to help stock the pantry and we are ready to go. A large donation of toys and games at Christmas time helped to replenish classrooms and enabled teachers to put together some gift baskets for students and families in need.</p>
Tanzania–Lori	<p>Having an anonymous parishioner pledge to match donations up to a total of \$5,000 for the month of December allowed us to reach our \$50,000 goal for the year! We are looking forward to the new year and ways to raise funds for our global neighbors. Many of the students in Father Damian's schools in Tanzania would not be able to attend without our help.</p>
Bethany House - Anne	<p>Provided Food Baskets for the community for Thanksgiving and Food and Christmas gifts for families in December. Focusing on grant writing to offset increased costs in maintaining the house and assisting staff.</p>
ROC ACTs-Duncan	<p>Supporting RocACTS activity with their new director and staff. Training is being scheduled.</p>
Matthew's Closet - Lori	<p>Regina Civiletti (the director of Matthew's Closet) was told that the building she is using for the store is going to be sold. She is quite concerned about where Matthew's Closet will be moved to. She has asked for our prayers that the new building will have adequate space and be easily accessible for those that need to shop there. They anticipate the move to take place in the spring.</p>
Family Promise of Greater Rochester (FPGROC) Sharon	<p>Family Promise: Due to the generosity of our volunteers 30 families were adopted for the Holidays receiving gifts from their wish lists. We are close to finalizing the purchase of our Day Center. In addition:</p> <p><u>Shelter Program:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 families are currently in the Shelter Program.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Shelter Program has housed 30 families in 2022, including 58 children. <p><u>Prevention & Diversion Program:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 96 families, including 182 children, have been assisted YTD through the Prevention & Diversion Program.
Homeless Outreach Duncan	<p>On November 22 our St. Joseph's team went out on a Homeless Outreach with the South East Catholic Community and PCHO. We went out in the morning as the format of the Outreach has changed slightly. We were able to meet with many homeless and helped set up several meetings with the homeless for establishing permanent housing.</p> <p>Met with PCHO on establishing assisting their mission of addressing homelessness in some new ways by using much smaller teams of volunteers and coordinating with their Social Workers. More details on this are being developed.</p>
Habitat for Humanity-Jeff	<p>Pie Sale Conclusion - First, thanks to everyone for your support of our annual pie sale. We raised over \$850, which was approximately 2/3rds of recent years but we were very pleased with that result because this was the first year of 100% online ordering (no checks accepted) and also the first year using Special Touch Bakery as our partner instead of Kelly's Farm Market.</p> <p>Home Construction Update - The construction on our current home build at 67 Melville St. is entering the final phase. All the drywall inside is complete, cabinets and finishing trim will be completed over the next 2 months along with completion of the front porch. There are currently no volunteer sign up opportunities posted for January but I'm going to check with Habitat and see if they plan to open some up over the winter months.</p> <p>Teri Capozzi Recognition - St. Joe's parishioner and longtime Penfield Church Coalition for Habitat member, Teri Capozzi, was honored by Flower City Habitat at the recent Hearts and Hammers Holiday Party held on 12/8. She was the sole recipient of the 25 Year Service Recognition award. I was not present at the party but Ray Griswold reported that she got a loud applause from those in attendance. I've attached a photo taken at the event of Teri and Matthew Flanagan, CEO of Flower City Habitat.</p> <p>Flower City Habitat Updates - The Penfield Coalition along with all other Faith Based Coalitions, were recently approached by Greater Rochester Habitat with a proposal to "merge" the fundraising efforts of all Faith Based Coalitions. In this proposal, the "Penfield" identity and individually sponsored home builds of our coalition would essentially go away and we would become part of an overall Greater Rochester Faith Coalition. There were several reasons presented for this proposal and we decided that before we could begin to respond to Habitat on the proposal, we would take it to our member faith communities for feedback. I'll be outlining the proposal in more detail at our Social Outreach meeting.</p>

Dimitri House Duncan	No Update
Phillip the Van-Terry	Looking for more volunteers!! Van is going to multiple shelters and pantries in the city 5 days a week with a very dedicated team which we are indebted to!!
Prison Ministry	Over 50 parishioners participated in writing letters to those incarcerated for the Christmas season. Monthly Catholic Reflections resumed at Attica, Anne participating in Monthly Catholic Reflections at Attica. There are initial plans to conduct the Residents Encounter Christ Program at Attica, Wende and other prisons.
Other	<p>Joint Parish Christmas Program Update:</p> <p>Working together, Holy Spirit and St. Joseph's parishioners have made an impact on the lives of children throughout the Rochester and Penfield area this Christmas. In a true spirit of stewardship and giving, Holy Spirit collected for Toys for Tots including Girls 6-8 toys or throw blankets; girls and boys 9-15 sporting equipment, throws, board games, girls' curling irons and blow dryers, and boys' electric shavers. For the Women's Care Center (collected at HS): Baby clothes 0 - 2T, onesies up to 12 months, snow suits up to 2T.</p> <p>St. Joseph's, delivered to Cabrini Parish many carloads of toys, books, and clothing. Both parishes contributed clothing toys and books to Penfield Hope. St. Joseph's School and the Town of Penfield generously contributed books, clothing and toys for our collections.</p> <p>Mary's Place was also supported with many blankets for families.</p>
Care for God's Creation	St. Joseph's is having a "walk through" tomorrow with an engineer and some members of Color Penfield Green to consider whether we can move closer to energy independence as part of updating our heating and cooling systems. Both the federal government and NYSEDA have generous incentives.
Affordable Housing	Working to Support PathStone affordable housing initiative in Penfield. More details to come in the near future.

SOCIAL OUTREACH NOTES AND OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

Duncan shared concerns over August 2022 social outreach bulletin articles (sessions on white privilege)

Anne to create a Social Outreach Contact List

Anne to organize a God's Creation Next Steps Team

Next meeting, **Thursday** February 2nd 7pm – 830pm

Agenda:

- Prayer
- Discuss Catechesis Section 4 —The Threat Multiplier
- Ministry Updates

Ministry Updates Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Bell
Chair, Social Outreach Committee