

Christian Service Commission

June 14 2014

Facilitator: Sr. Grace

Note Taker: Joan Cashman

Present: Cheryl Bida, Judy Rhoads, Joan Cashman and Sr. Grace Keane

Agenda:

I. Discussion of the Functions of CS Commission from the AOD - Sr. Grace asks the commission to review the CS functions, (i.e. administrative, educational and ministerial) think about specifics, how to accomplish a particular goal, eliminate some goals, and streamline the verbiage. Send thoughts to Sr. Grace by June 30. Anyone interested in meeting in July to edit and prepare a draft for the September meeting?

II. Submitted reports - it was recommended to keep reports/ minutes to one page and to 'bullet' the items for clarity

III. Business

- A. Visit to Christo Rey School, Freedom House discussion: There was supported interest in visiting Christo Rey and Freedom House. Christo Rey is a 'permanent' recipient of St Mary's tithing. Joan Cashman will pursue scheduling this for a Friday afternoon and if possible to open this up to our community.
- B. Proposal to postpone Sat. evening St. Michael's Food Pantry coverage until September was supported.
- C. SOS application to CSL. Discussion of the upcoming SOS week (Aug 10-17) followed.
 - 1. It was decided not to advertise for support of the SOS 5k/10k walk on Aug 3 in Southfield
 - 2. Sr Grace recommended individually viewing the video on the SOS website (relates to homelessness)
 - 3. It was suggested to create 'a week of homelessness' for our parishioners using the following options: (these will appear in bulletin articles)
 - a. eat less
 - b. live in one room collectively
 - c. have all your possessions in a bag
 - d. no access to utilities
 - e. live in a tent
- D. Website descriptions: Sr Grace will work with Jennifer to modify the website regarding CS opportunities
- E. Tithing Committee: Discussion followed regarding the need to create parameters and structures for all CS ministries starting with tithing particularly in lieu of Mike Simon's departure from chairing this committee. The structure would include: mission, responsibilities, qualifications, time commitment, membership, guidelines and report.
- F. Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers / chili cook off- A request to host a chili cook off at St Mary's was declined.
- G. The following items tabled for the next meeting:
 - a. CS Ministry evaluation
 - b. September's agenda items, CSL, and rotating note taker
 - c. CSL Outreach and Charity presentation – Deb Jackson
 - d. CSL Team - Assessing Parish Social Ministry responses
 - e. Update from Sr. Grace : LLL, RANH, SOS, upcoming meeting with SOS and Manna Meals, Rebuilt Conference
 - f. Chapter 5 Evangelization book
- H. Next meeting Sept 20,2014 with email support in summer for SOS