

Minutes of October 18 2014 Christian Service Commission

1. Discussion and decision of the fxts of the CS commission form the AOD (online)-
 - a. decision to review and report back in November
 - b. format of AOD online format regarded more favorably by some
 - c. Mark will forward the above document as well as the 'CS Commission' document on purpose, function and structure
 - d. we all need to review both documents for purpose and fxt and whittle down & consolidate
2. Old Business
 - a. the necessity for the Saturday Food Pantry volunteer has been resolved
 - b. idea of 15 minute ministry is open for development
 - c. Stewardship Fair - more development would be needed if we were to have future fairs; there was a positive response to Giving Tree for volunteers; need to emphasize all programs/events equally;
 - d. website descriptions reviewed- please review : go to CS (online at SMOTH.org)- then Mercy & Outreach- then a drop down menu with more info than the handbook
3. New Business
 - a. Strategic Planning Group for Parish Social Ministry- this would be a short term commitment to develop goals, vision & mission statement. Bob Miller and Michele Horberger (colleague of Donna Nielson) are potential candidates. Meetings are projected for Wednesdays. Sr. Grace will forward documents to the Commission that the Strategic Planning Group will review.
 - b. Slogan contest - recommendation: 'seek, serve, welcome'
 - c. Rotating note taker: Nov: Joan; Dec: Judy; Jan: Cheryl
4. Evangelization-
 - a. Mark will email roles for the upcoming Christ life program; Oct 29 is info night from 7-9pm; the objective is to get people involved and get volunteers
 - b. USCCB video- short discussion; website to be provided
5. REPORTS:
 - a. RANH- need an executive director ; ongoing car donation program; Oct 26 5K walk run fundraiser

- b. Blood drive- next collection is Dec 7 with a goal of 55 units from 7:30am - 1:30pm to be chaired by Lori Irwin and Sal Trupiano
- c. Giving Tree- chaired by Cyndie Ferrara will have 1170 cards for 14 organization; trees and cards to be set up Nov 1
- d. Respect Life - Karen Schenk reported that :
 - i. the Aug 14 edition of *Lifespan News* had included an article and group photo (of the June event with the white crosses)
 - ii. *Lifespan* will send 8 buses to Washington DC for the Jan 22,2015 *March for Life*.
 - iii. *Lifespan* Christmas cards will be on sale 2 weekends in Nov.
 - iv. *40 Days for Life* , a grassroots organization in many states and countries hold prayer vigils in front of abortion mills. The closest site in Michigan is in Southfield with a link

<http://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/southfield/>