

Christian Service Commission Minutes

Monday, October 19, 2015 7:00 PM

Present: Cheryl Bida, Cyndie Ferrera, Debbie Jackson, Sr. Grace Keane, Karen Schenk, Bill Travnik

Part I (15 min.)

Prayer and Study. Began a review of two documents related to Christian Service based on Communities of Salt and Light. We discussed applicability and configurations for the parish. All agreed that the parish 'receives a gold star' for direct service. Continue next month.

Part II Current or Recent Projects (5 min. each or less) (30 - 40 min.)

Written Reports: None submitted

1. **Regional Transit Authority** Bill Travnik

Bill attended the RTA meeting on July 30, at First Congregational Church. The Study is between Detroit, Ann Arbor and Metro Airport and equitable transit from Gratiot to Port Huron. Overview given by Michael Ford. Complete p. 2 ballot initiative. The Transit Summit on Sunday, November 8 has been postponed. Please ask your friends or neighbors to attend when rescheduled. Your input is requested. Regional Transit will still cost money and more people needed to live downtown.

2. **Giving Tree** Cynthia Ferrera

The Giving Trees will go up on Nov.7. Gifts to be returned by Dec. 6 and Dec. 13 is the final sort. Baldwin Center, St. Vincent DePaul Prison Outreach have been added. Recommend remove Children's Village next year and add another organization. The count remains the same at. 1,166 gifts including gift card. The list of organizations will be in the bulletin for Nov. 15.

3. Follow-up Feedback from Deb Jackson on the calendar next month. Further comment needed on ministry representation / organizations in the bulletin.

4. Road Trip / Immersion experience to Cristo Rey, Loyola, Mercy Education Project, All Saints Food Pantry. Update to be provided by Cheryl Bida in Nov.

5. Blood Drive. Nurses used instead of volunteers. We discussed publicity and location of the Blood Drive. Invite Fr. Stan to the November commission meeting to reiterate the four points made in May as well as thoughts on the Blood Drive.

Part III Long Range (20 min. more or less)

Oct. CS Parish Survey under revision. Continue focus and practical application for Laudato Si', Respect Life Month, National Homelessness and Hunger Awareness Week, Lenten Alms-giving, Collection Schedule..

Part IV (10 min)

Points for November CS Meeting

1. Invite Fr. Stan to come and spend time with CS.
2. Email what you want on the agenda to Debbie.
3. Update on Scare Away Hunger, Immersion Experience, Thanksgiving Cruise etc.
Karen suggested 3 or 4 minutes each.
5. Cheryl volunteered to be note taker for November. Sr. Grace suggests copying the agenda and typing directly onto it.

Check Out – Honorable Closure or recommendation for improvement. Place the postponed items first on the agenda.

Submitted by
Sr. Grace Keane