

Christian Service Commission Meeting - June 18, 2016

Attended: Bill Hill, Mike Thomas, Betty Maciejewski, Adriana Ferrandez

First of all, we sadly accept Debbie Jackson's resignation as chair to CS. We thank her for all her energy and effort in working with us. And wish her the best in her new position at St Vincent De Paul.

We were all given the CS Highlights for the month of June. Everyone liked the layout and found it useful. Hopefully, this can come out the month before ie – receive July highlights in June. We are also hoping this will be in the bulletin as well. Cheryl Bida hopes by the end of the year, we can produce an annual event calendar for the parish to see early January, so they will know of important dates of the events they care most about.

Betty spoke about RHEMA and the effect medicine and education has on the Haitian people. There may be an interest of parishioners going for a week, maybe buddy with another parish. Also, they want to get kids from the parish involved in packing foods for the "Kids Against Hunger" campaign.

We also discussed the needs of SOS that will take place at the end of August. Both Betty and Adriana offered to bless rooms, need a few more families. Per Donna, her biggest need is finding people to sit and chat with the homeless from 7-II. They also need someone to prepare the prayer service for SOS either Tuesday or Thursday.

Next we discussed having one weekend in July for school supplies for RANH and one weekend for school clothes for CCRT – hoping someone will take over the CCRT school program.

We want to have coffee and donuts the first weekend of August to bring parishioners in to sign up for Mercy Week which takes place Oct 1. CCSEM-Catholic Charities of Southeast MI is asking all parishes to go out and do a work of mercy then come back together, have a meal and discuss their day. This will be advertised. We are asked to bring a poster of our committee (or share a poster) to have at this event in August. We need to cover both masses. Cheryl & Mike are not able to attend.

The outreach work group is meeting again on Monday, June 27. The agenda is attached. All are welcome to attend. We are hoping to get them involved soon.

A few parishioners are participating in the Baldwin Center Outreach June 27. They called and asked us to sub. We are still going to see if parishioners can mentor for the week of July 18 young ladies from the Mercy Education Project.

We decided no outreach at the Parish picnic.

Don't forget there is a Blood Drive in August and volunteers are needed.

Bill has offered to be the new rep for SVdP and we hope Adrianna will be the new rep for CCRT

We are still in need of a note taker for our meetings and if someone could chair the CS Commission and /or represent us at the Church Council monthly meetings.

Thank you Bill and Sister Grace for putting together our prayer service, it was lovely.

Submitted by – Cheryl Bida