

Title: Christian Service Commission Meeting

Date: September 17, 2016

Place: West Overflow (usually)

Length of Meeting: 7:45 (hospitality) 8 AM Chapel Prayer, 8:40 – 9:50 Meeting

Welcome Summer highlight

Enrichment Possibilities Spend 10 minutes at each meeting. Start with Salt and Light website in October.
www.wearesaltandlight.org

Review of June Minutes Follow-up. Suggestions for Lenten almsgiving 2017. Continue next month

Projects/ Committees/Reports Cindie Ferrera went over the changes of organizations for the **Giving Tree**. Take off St Chrintine's and replace with Grace Center of Hope. The group agreed. Cindie will follow up with an email to all of those who participate.

Cheryl Bida talked about RANH new location and to stop by for a visit if you can. 1720 Livernois next to the firehouse. So much more room for the counselors, clients and staff. The capital campaign is making head way but we are still in need of donations, should you know of someone. Recommend that CGC take action. Fr. Stan was present for this part of meeting.

Saint Vincent de Paul – Gala on Saturday, October 8th at St. Mary's

Charitable Giving Sept. Covenant House, Baton Rouge Catholic Charities, Kids Against Hunger Coalition are in alignment with CS Survey priorities of Hunger, Homelessness, Mental Health

Chapel prayer rotation / Guest rotation –

The Council would like us to outline our goals, mission and accomplishments. They are hoping we can broaden our knowledge of the commissions and the people involved . Christian Service will host next April, however, we decided to devote November meeting to the goals and mission and Jan select our prayer, reading and song with a theme and to keep in mind it will be Easter. Sister Grace is going to ask the other program leaders to join us to go over their projects. We want to be better informed and maybe they will be more active with us at our Sat meetings. Stephen Ministries scheduled for January.

Chair/Rep/Recorder Still looking. We will take turns. Cheryl Bida will rep to the council as long as someone else can do Feb & Mar.

Other Anxious to see how Mercy in Action Day, Oct. 1 goes. Maybe the parish could establish one day in November each year, giving everyone a chance to go somewhere to help for 3 hours.

Next meeting date Sat. October 15th

Wrap up. Recommendations . . .

Karen Schenk

I have submitted a Calendar request to have the **Life Chain prayer vigil for Sunday, Oct 2nd** added to the SMOTH docket. We've participated in this for at least 10 years, and it is held outside along John R for an hour from 2 – 3 PM. The vigil is in memory of the 57,000,000 babies aborted since Jan, 1973, and to pray for an end to abortion in our country. Life Chain is held at the same time across this country and in Canada – we are one of at least 30 sites in Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties. And Fr Stan has joined us for a while during the past several years. I'll have a bulletin article to share by Sunday.

Explicit directions on how to tie a short ribbon onto a tag for the Mother's Day Carnation sale, sponsored by RTL – LIFESPAN. If you can **tell the participants to pray that all mothers would want to keep their babies**, that should make this activity very fruitful. **In the USA, one baby is aborted every 23 seconds equal to over 3,000/day (same number as those killed in the 9/11 attacks)**! Thanks so much for including this easy activity into the Mercy Day!

I am attending a Michigan Nurses for Life Conference on Oct 1st on *The Tragedy of Human Trafficking in Michigan*.

Amy Kennedy St. Michael's Food Pantry update: we continue to hold monthly food drives, as the primary supporter of the SMFP in Pontiac. This is a very self-sufficient outreach event, requiring little volunteer time and a small amount of space (one tub in the coat closet), but yet it has a large local impact, reaching dozens of our neighbors in need every month. SMFP volunteers are always extremely thankful and gracious for our church's donations. Our next food drive will be the weekend of Oct. 1-2.

Sr. Grace Keane

1. Mercy in Action Day. Future action - February 26 for a large group reflection on any works of mercy. Thank you to the Mercy Train Conductors at smoth.
2. Oct. Monthly Highlights in the bulletin on Oct. 23
3. CS Program Manager ongoing search
4. Oct. 7 bus tour with Kensington Church. Future outreach possibilities in Pontiac for the parishioners.
5. Bread for the World Offering of Letters. Recommended dates for writing October 2, 16, 23.
. Offering of Letters on October 31. Theme is Survive and Thrive
6. Recommendations for KAHC Kids Against Hunger Coalition. Sampler taste of food packet on Oct. 2, and maybe the 16. Appeal before Mass on Oct. 15/16 to raise \$2,800 for the packaging of 10,000 meals. Distribution of food packets 1/3 between Global, local, KAHC warehouse for emergencies.
7. Lent Almsgiving Rotation: Local US/Regional/ Global . Suggestions taken at Ministry Fair.
8. CS edits for the Parish Ministry Handbook

Respectfully submitted –

Cheryl Bida, St Marys Rep