

Title: Christian Service Commission Meeting

Date: April 22, 2017

Place: West Overflow

In attendance: Bill Hill, Sr. Grace Keane, Karen Schenk,

Salt and Light

We discussed the "Reach Out" on the Salt and Light website. We discussed completing the Assessment for this section of the website. [A copy is attached with the minutes.] Each Commission member is requested to complete this survey and return at the next meeting. The team members are also requested to visit the website [<https://www.wearesaltandlight.org/find-resources>] and share your experience on one of the resource topics at the next meeting. Sister also mentioned that she has forwarded resource information on twinning with other parishes to George Phillips [president of the Parish Council]

Review of March Minutes

Karen asked about the minutes from the Strategic Planning meeting. These were sent to the commission on March 31. This group decided that SMOTH might be near its limit for volunteers and the focus should be on increasing the number of volunteers. A set of questions for a focus group was included with the minutes and planning is underway to hold these focus group meetings in the Fall.

Projects/Committees/Reports

1. Lenten Almsgiving Results---Karen
 - a. Over \$2000 was received in loose change, baby bottles, etc. The envelope amounts are not yet available from the parish.
 - b. Proposed to have a discussion of Humanae Vitae by Pope Paul the VI with the GIFT parents in the Fall
 - c. Shower gifts were delivered to WEE Care and were much appreciated
 - d. Flowers will be distributed to Mother's on Mother's Day to benefit Right-to-Life
 - e. The ad in the Resource book will be free next year as we paid for two ads last year
2. Target given to recruit two new members for the commission---Bill
 - a. We still need to recruit two new members. This was emphasized again in the Council meeting. No new ideas were proposed.
3. Refugee Resettlement-Sr. Grace
 - a. Bill and Grace attended a meeting at St. John Fisher to discuss the possibility of sponsoring a refugee family through the Vicariate. It seems the Vicariate may not be in favor of this so it may be done outside of the Vicariate format. Samaritas made a presentation discussing how they help refugees today and how they interact with other Church groups. [Samaritas is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and is the largest faith-based non-profit human service organization in the state. [<https://www.samaritas.org/About-Samaritas/History>]]
 - b. Sister Grace attended a follow-up meeting and St. John Fisher seems to want confirmation on what specific area St. Mary's will help in.
 - c. It was decided we will organize a meeting to determine if there is interest and support for this project.
4. New outreach---Hope Shelter, additional visit to Grovecrest, others [Betty's suggestion]-group
 - a. It was suggested that Betty organize something at Grovecrest in June [maybe ice cream social?]
 - b. Bill will look into opportunities for volunteering at HOPE shelter in June

Ministry Report Outs

No reports this month.

April and May Event overview [Sister Grace reviewed the list below]

April Event overview

- 2 Blood Drive
- 29 John R Road Clean-up
- 29-30 SVdP Bundle Weekend after all the Masses

May Event overview

- Mental Health Awareness Month - Activities in collaboration with St. Irenaeus Church
- 03 Wednesday 5:00 - 7:00 PM Serve Family Dinner at Baldwin Center
- 14 Mother's Day Carnations [benefitting RTL - LIFESPAN]
- 20-21 CCRT - Catholic Community Response Team Toiletries Collection

Next meeting date: Sat. May 20, 2017

Wrap-up/Roundtable

Brief feedback on the Parish Council meeting:

1. Council discussed the possibility of partnering with Corpus Christi rather than St. Charles Lwanga. Father will investigate which is best.
2. Commissions and Council should discuss elections in May so new members can be invited to the June meetings for introductions.

Respectfully submitted:

Bill Hill, Chairperson, Christian Service Commission