

**Title: Christian Service Commission Meeting**

**Date: June 17, 2017**

**Place: West Overflow**

**In attendance:** Cheryl Bida, Adriana Fernandez, Bill Hill, Sr. Grace Keane

**Review of April Minutes**

There were no questions or comments.

**Projects/Committees/Reports**

1. Vision and proposed organization
  - a. The vision for the Christian Service Commission was revised as shown in Attachment 1
  - b. Bill reviewed the organization for the Christian Service Organization to be implemented in the Fall, 2017 [Attachment 2]
    - i. Some openings still exist and we need to find new candidates for these positions in the coming year.
    - ii. The agenda starting in September will include time for each Lead person to report out on the groups underneath them. Please give some thought on this over the summer. The Saturday meetings will more tactical in nature.
    - iii. Strategy/Planning meetings will be arranged outside of the Saturday meetings as needed.
  - c. Adriana gave a brief report out on the funeral lunch program and Sunshine Committee
    - i. Three teams have been organized with 35-40 total volunteers in this effort
    - ii. The family will provide the meal, Parish will provide dessert
    - iii. The sunshine committee is preparing cards for the residents at Grovecrest
  - d. Cheryl gave a brief report on activities at RANH
    - i. School supplies will be provided to clients of RANH and distribution will occur at the new facility in August
    - ii. The request from Catholic Charities for support of backpacks will be handled separately
      1. Bill was requested to check on source for backpacks at Pope Francis Center
  - e. Karen had submitted a brief written report on Life activities
    - i. 2000 crosses were erected on the day of the meeting and will be in place for 2 weeks
    - ii. Rosary will be prayed at 07:00 each evening
    - iii. The final amount for Lenten almsgiving was \$3,855
  - f. Cheryl volunteered to put announcements in the bulletin indicating need for new members of the Service Commission over the summer.
2. Outreach Committee 2017-2018
  - a. A committee of 4-6 people is needed to organize and administer funding for outreach [Description of this role is shown in attachment 3]
3. Refugee Resettlement
  - a. Two meetings have been held to discuss support from St. Mary's to this group
  - b. Sister has also discussed with Staff and other groups
  - c. Training meeting is planned June 21 at St. John Fisher.

**May and June Event overview [not discussed due to time restraint of Council pot luck]**

**Next meeting date:** Sat. September 16, 2017

**Wrap-up/Roundtable**

- Discussed briefly the prayer service for SOS. The guests should be invited. Interfaith groups will not be invited this year but will be considered next year.
- Wrap-up words from the group
  - Informative
  - Moving Forward
  - Peace
  - Blessed

**Brief feedback on the Parish Council meeting:**

1. Sr. Grace gave a presentation on the Refugee Resettlement plan and the Council approved supporting this from SMOTH
2. Synod document from the Bishop has some assignments for the parish that need to be reviewed in future meetings.
3. Newcomer lunch is scheduled for July 23 [Bill was requested to make a short presentation on Christian Service].

Respectfully submitted:

Bill Hill, Chairperson, Christian Service Commission

## **Attachment 1-Christian Service Commission Vision**

The Christian Service Commission are a group of people from SMOTH that have common goals to promote service to others that others may see Christ in us and that our eyes may be opened to see Christ in others. This will include deepening the Faith and Understanding of Faith both for the members of the Commission, those that we motivate to serve, and those that we serve. Our example will inspire more people to serve in the parish and increase recognition by those outside the parish that St. Mary's is a serving and caring community, inspiring them to join us in our mission.

### **Vision Statement Worksheet**

- What is a Vision Statement?
  - Describes the possibilities that the Social Ministry might achieve in the future
  - It is a compelling image of what the Social Ministry can become
  - Touches deeper values and hopes
  - Needs to be real, attainable and believable
  - Needs to be able to be translated into actions that can be implemented over time
- Please respond to the following questions:
  - What should Social Ministry at our Parish look like?
  - What should Social Ministry achieve in our Community?
  - How should Social Ministry affect our Parish?
  - What values and hopes to we embody as a group for our Parish?
  - What words or phrases describe your vision of Social Ministry at our Parish?

*From: Renewing the Vision: 10 steps towards Focusing Social Ministry at your Parish*

**Attachment 2**

Chair-Christian Service Commission [Bill Hill] [Representative to Parish Council]							
Minute Taker [TBD]							
<u>Advocacy &amp; Education</u>	<u>Outreach</u>				<u>Life</u>	<u>Pastoral Care</u>	
TBD	TBD	Cheryl Bida	Betty Maciejewski	Grace Keane	Karen Schenk	Adriana Fernandez	
Peace Roundtable	Giving Tree	SOS	HOPE Center	Staff Coord	Death Penalty	Stephen Ministries	Blood Drive
Mental Health	St. Michael Food Pantry	RANH	SVDP	CCSEM	Crossroads	Knit & Crochet	Funeral Baskets
Fair Trade	Children's Village	JOM	Baldwin Center	PAV CS	Pro-Life	Counseling	Funeral Luncheon
Climate Issues		J. I.	Grovecrest	USCCB	Human Trafficking	Shoe Recycling	Sunshine Cards
Legislative Advocacy	Gleaners	CCRT	God's Helping Hands	Education	Wee Care	Interfaith VC	Exercise Group
Gun Violence		RANH Clothes Closet	Manna Meals	Charitable Giving	Right-to-Life Lifespan	CCRT	Meal Share-We Care
Immigration	John R Cleanup	Interchurch Women [RANH pantry]	Tours	Bulletin			
Refugee Resettlement							

### **Attachment 3- Parish Social Ministry - Christian Service Outreach Committee**

**Outreach Committee begins July 2017** (separate from Charitable Giving Committee)

- ❖ **Find Opportunities** for Parishioners to engage faith and action.  
(Hands on opportunities-eyeball-to-eyeball)  
Connect Beatitudes, Catholic Social Teaching, Prayer and Advocacy for all parishioners.  
Choose outreach sites for the year including some that are family friendly.  
Seek recommendations from parishioners. Calendar dates. Secure sites.  
Work with CS Office on publicity. Encourage photos for social media.  
(e.g. Hope Adult Shelter, Grovecrest Assisted Living, Baldwin Center, Grace Centers of Hope, God's Helping Hands)
- ❖ **Provide reflection questions** before, during, and after to make the Direct Service experience transformational.  
Connect to Catholic Social Teaching; Salt and Light... [Click Here for Article to Read](#)
- ❖ **Work with Advocacy and Education** to host a day or evening for parishioners to share faith and outreach stories.  
Work with Religious Ed. to promote Community Service Experience.
- ❖ **Track funds.** Based on a percentage of monthly offertory.  
Any CS projects submit receipts and requisition forms to CS Coordinator.
- ❖ **Coordinate bulletin** articles and Charitable Giving to help connect Catholic Social Teaching.  
Think locally and act globally.
- ❖ **Evaluation** after each Community Service Experience.  
Quarterly synthesis evaluation.  
OC reports to Pastor through Staff person and CS Commission.  
CS Coordinator serves as a resource, member of OC for the short term.