

Social Ministry Meeting Minutes

Dated: May 13, 2010

Draft Copy – Not Approved – For Review

Present: Verna Nestor, Mike Grumboski, Barbara Rickman, and Ms. Gladys Vernier. Not attending; Father Charles Morris, Mary Lipko, Mary Cottone (Club business).

Opening Prayer: Our Father.

Reading of the Minutes: Read, reviewed, and approved.

Next Meeting: July 8th, 2010 at Saint Elizabeth's at 6:30 pm. It should be noted Saint Patrick's Christian Service does not meet during the months of June, July, and August.

Fund Raising Events: May 15th Wyandotte City Wide Garage Sale. This weekend.

Food Pantry: Donations taken weekly. Volunteers from St. Liz on 1st and 3rd Saturday. 80,000 lbs given out in 2009, clients have tripled this year.

Stewards of God's Creation: No report

Crop Walk: April 25th. A few envelopes are still out, will review next week and call missing envelopes.

Right to Life: No report.

SVDP (Saint Vincent DePaul): Mike mentioned that Sister Barbara told him of a new program at SVDP, where a person could see a SVDP rep, and get a used car from a dealer for \$800, the contact person downtown is Ms. Harris. Verna reported that headquarters helped a client here with their \$1500 DTE bill, (2) gas cards were given, (1) coupon for Jerry's market, \$75 given to assist a client with gas & electric. There is a golf outing at Forrest Lake Country Club June 15 to benefit Camp Ozanam.

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Downriver Ministerial Association: No report.

Vicariate / Christian Service: No representative Still looking for volunteer.

ChristNet: No report, but Mike will email Debbie that Father is moving on in July and that she might start the rumor that the Christmas gift usually given will no longer be available.

CJM: Must convert balances to prepaid cards for use in balance of year. Mike mention he talked with Pam to find out why we show over budget on the P&L for the church, she explained that the church allocates a budget for us (\$850), even if we don't use it, and as we use the funds raised for our activities like March 2009 we used \$1705) it looks like we are over budget when we actually haven't used any budget. Mike told Pam, gee that very confusing.

Parish Nurse: No report.

Budgets/Goals: Current account at \$ 499.64 at rectory, figures to be verified by Mike and Pam 05/11/10.

Open Discussion: Planning for the Mass of anointing at May's meeting. We plan on 2 boxes of the small Sam's sandwiches, a fruit tray, cheese and crackers, plus coffee and tea. Check request will be issued by Mike for Father's approval. Mass is usually held the 2nd Saturday in June. Mike is asking for a firm date from Pam. Barbara is selling parish picnic tickets at the 9am masses.

Closing Prayer: Hail Mary.

Meeting adjourned: 7:30 pm. Mike went to attend the meeting with Saint Patrick's Social Ministry. CSC members are cooking a dinner on July 13th, and Sister Barbara informed Mike about a program called 'Shoes for Souls' they are looking for donations to help people with shoes.

Minutes submitted by: Mike Grumboski

Open Issues:

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Discuss art project (Christmas cards) for parents. Team leader Pat Goode (accepted 1/15 via phone), developer, and staff to execute. What about Envelope design, is there an easy way to create an envelope, or do we have to purchase them for art project? Kira has expressed interest in project.

Contact Prison Fellowship and let them know of our decision to take only 20 children, and they must be within our area; Ecorse, Lincoln Park, and Wyandotte.

Final review/discussion on funding. Chinese auction (restaurant donations), Bake sales, Garage Sale. Can we get Father to bake bread again? Pat suggest we have a pro caterer come in and do an ethnic dinner. Or, just ask for donations. Suggested was gather of pop cans and bottles.

We need to find ways to help fund Saint Vincent DePaul.

Another fund raising idea; Mom-To-Mom sales. We rent out tables for a day to ladies who wish to sell their used items. Table rent, say from \$5 to \$10. The sellers bring in clothing, setup, and breakdown. We assist in traffic flow, and sweeping. Idea from Sister Barbara.