

**DIVINE CHILD CHURCH  
CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016**

**OPENING PRAYER:** Fr. John Kopson called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm thanking God for bringing everyone together; with prayers that God will motivate each of us to continue in our service to others. And a Hail Mary

**ATTENDEES:** Beth Donovan, Andrea Fitzgerald, Bev O'Donnell, Dorothy Bernocco, Rosemarie Laurain, Connie Zavistowski, Freda Bova, Tammy Rayburn, Laura Sherlag, Barbara Kubicek, Cindy Gauvin, Janet Carnevale, Elaine Heaman, Carmen Mosquera, Doris Rizzo, Cathy Ballnick, Bernadette Dzieciuch, Mary Tomilo, Charlotte Peterson, Andi Fron, Marylou Jansen, Fr. John Kopson, Joan Reed, Diane Rivard, Carole Zikowski

**BETH COMMENTS:**

- Tonight's meeting is the first meeting of the year. Asked everyone to confirm sign in info on the roster and asked Sub-committee chairs to verify dates on the calendar of events for the year.

**SUBCOMMITTEE #1:** Assist Local Charities/Outreach: (Marylou Jansen, Cathy Ballnik, Bernadette Dzieciuch, Diane Rivard)

- **Blood Drive:** Cathy reported that blood drive sign-ups for 9/17 were a success. Online: 52 signups, and gathering room: 25 signups. There are 78 slots available and 77 have been booked.  
Dates of upcoming blood drives are: Sunday, January 15, 2017 and Sunday, April 9, 2017.
- **Wee Care:** Mary asked for volunteers to help set up the wee care tree 9/24, after 8:30 mass. 4 members volunteered at meeting. Mary will ask for ad to be placed in bulletin asking for donations and to have tags and hangers removed.
- **Mercy in Action Day:** Fr. John stated that Pope Francis asked that every parish participate in a service project for Mercy in Action Day 10/1. Fr. Jim and Fr. John are encouraging parishioners to join a group from OLGC in a spirit walk and rosary at the Northland Family Planning Center in Westland at 9:30am. The group from OLGC does this once a month in front of the clinic.
- **Friends of the Poor Walk:** The walk will be 10/9 and sign-ups will be in the gathering room 10/1-10/2.
- **Capuchin Bake Sale:** Bake sale is 10/8-10/9. MaryLou stated that volunteers are needed and passed around a sign-up sheet. We currently have 1 volunteer for Saturday, Sunday is open.

**SUBCOMMITTEE #2:** Care of the Sick & Elderly (Freda Bova, Mary Tomilo)

- **Nursing Home Ministry:** Freda reported that the rules and regulations regarding volunteers have changed at Heartland. Those "volunteering" are now required to provide personal information to Heartland. Those serving are now referred to as "visiting servants of God" so that no personal information is required to be shared. There are 4 teams that have been sent re-commit forms. Only a few forms have been received back of those who plan to come back to serve. Freda is happy to report that we do still have a nursing home ministry! Some of the changes with the new rules and regulations at Heartland are: no unsupervised contact with residents. We are able to sing and participate in mass, but Heartland employee must be present. This has created less responsibility for the ministry as they can no longer bring participants to and from their rooms. Fr. John says mass once a month at Heartland. Currently, we have 6 people coming to the chapel to receive communion and 9 receiving in their rooms. Freda made an invitation and sign-up sheet for this ministry for the ministry fair.
- **Bereavement Cards:** Beth reported to keep Jan in your prayers as she recently had an accident. All Bereavement Cards are up to date.

- **Homebound Ministry:** Mary reported that all continues to go well.

**SUBCOMMITTEE #3:** Life Issues (Cindy Gauvin)

- Cindy stated Respect for Life Sunday is 10/2 and we will be doing a LifeChain. Signs will be held along Telegraph. Divine Child will participate from 2-3:30pm at Telegraph/Wilson. The Pro-life club from the High school will attend, all are invited to attend. Signs will be provided, those participating will be standing the entire time.

**SUBCOMMITTEE #4:** Men's Club, Parish Pastoral Council (Fr. John Kopson)

- **Men's Club:** Capuchin Clothing drive 10/22-10/23. Boy Scouts will be working the clothing drive. Men's club is currently looking for service projects as they are changing from sports and athletics driven to social and service driven. Mary Tomilo made the suggestion to have Men's club reach out to the caretaker of shut-ins to have Men's club member spend time with the shut ins, so that the caretaker can leave the home for a period of time.
- **Parish Council:** Fr. John had no new update from June meeting.

**Jodi Ann spoke regarding RCIA:**

- RCIA members will be invited to immerse themselves into the church as early as possible. RCIA is now year round and RCIA members are encouraged to get involved in parish events and Christian service right away.
- 12/11 Food basket Collection will be the first event current RCIA members will be working and involved in. MaryLou will be coordinating volunteers.
- Currently 8 members in RCIA 6 men, 2 women. 4 of the 6 men are ages 18-23.
- Asked that Christian Service members share why they are involved with RCIA members. Encouraged to help RCIA members develop their relationship with God.

**Purses for Purpose:** Tammy Rayburn presented a purse example. Gently used and new purses and needed, filled with hygiene products and religious items. The purses will be going to a women's re-entry program in Detroit in March 2017.

**Parish Ministry Fair:** 2 Tables will be provided for Christian Service with Flyers out. All members are encouraged to help after masses to make sure the table is covered.

**Beth's Closing Comments:** Beth thanked everyone for the wonderful turnout and stated we are looking forward to a good year. Beth is working on parishioner communication; she is working on invitations to Christian service running in the Infant for 2 weeks in a row before meetings.

Beth Donovan closed the meeting at 7:20 pm in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to invigorate us as we continue our Christian Service endeavors. Also, asking God to protect our families and our Divine Child family. All said a Hail Mary.

**Next Meeting:** The next Christian Service Meeting will be held on Monday, October 10 2016 at 6:30pm in the Elementary School MPR.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andrea Fitzgerald