

**Church of the Divine Child**  
**Christian Service Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, April 11, 2016**

**ATTENDEES:** Fr. John Kopson, Marylou Jansen, Rosemarie Laurain, Carmen Mosquera, Laura Sherlog, Cindy Gauvin, Mary Tomilo, Nancy Bialy, Bernadette Dzieciuch, Joan Reed, Dorothy Bernocco, Diane Rivard, Cathy Ballnik, Sue D'Archangelo, Heather Ridgley, Andrea Fitzgerald, and Beth Stawasz- Donovan

**OPENING PRAYER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Marylou Jansen. Fr. John Kopson opened the meeting with a prayer.

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

- Cindy reported that we received a thank-you note from Gianna House for the recent drive.
- We will discuss Father's Day candy and pen sales (set for June 18/19) at the May meeting.
- It is unclear whether the DCHS Right to Life Club plans to sell flowers for Mother's Day. Marylou will confirm.
- Fr. John reported that he will give the opening prayer at the Dearborn Right to Life dinner on May 5<sup>th</sup>. The dinner will feature a presentation on human trafficking.
- Fr. John reported that he will attend a conference at the Pope Paul VI Institute in Nebraska on napro-technology natural family planning. Mary Margaret Early is a good parish resource for this information.

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

- Mary reported that we are serving one new home-bound parishioner.
- Marylou reported that she spoke with Jan Lailberte and the bereavement cards are up to date.
- Sue D'Archangelo reported that she spoke with Freda Bova and there are no updates at this time at the nursing home.

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

- Marylou reported that our next meal at St. Pat's is scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet was circulated. Marylou would like ½ of the participants to be from the committee and the other ½ from the parish, at-large.
- Cathy Ballnik reported that 67 appointments (33 in-person, 34 online) have been made for the April 17<sup>th</sup> blood drive. Walk-ins are welcome. Bernadette Dzieciuch circulated a sign-up sheet for front desk assistance at the drive.
- Diane Rivard and Dorothy Bernocco reported that the SVdP Chili Cha Cha was a success, raising approximately \$11,000. The clothing drive was also successful.
- Diane and Dorothy also reported that SVdP Camp Ozanam, for underprivileged children ages 8-14, is seeking applicants. Located in Lexington, Michigan, the camp will host children of all denominations for 1 week sessions in the month of July. Enrollment meetings will be held at the thrift store in Westland.

**OTHER ITEMS:**

- Mary reported that she spoke with Marilyn O'Brien about the "PBJ Ministry." Marilyn is still working on this ministry. One of Marylou's students, who is a parishioner at Sacred Heart on Grosse Isle, may be able to assist with getting the ministry running, as she has experience with a similar program.

- Mary reported that she spoke with Betty Kramer, one of the visitors to homebound parishioners. Betty visits Sisson Manor, an apartment complex for low-income seniors. She suggested that we provide some entertainment for the seniors, perhaps a sing-along. It was also suggested that the Men's Club could assist with building bookcases and we could hold a book drive for the seniors. Beth Stawasz-Donovan offered to play entertain the residents with harp music.
- Marylou reported that she will present to the RCIA students on April 19<sup>th</sup> about the work of the Christian Service Committee.
- Marylou also reported that the Parish Ministry Fair will take place on September 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Marylou requested that everyone provide her with dates for 2016-2017 Christian Service Activities in June, as her report is due to the parish in July.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m. Fr. John closed the meeting with a prayer.

**Next Meeting:** The next Christian Service Meeting will be on Monday, May 9, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Elementary School MPR.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Stawasz-Donovan