

**CHURCH OF THE DIVINE CHILD
CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, February 13, 2017**

OPENING PRAYER: Cindy Gauvin said opening prayer. Meeting started at 6:30

BETH'S COMMENTS:

- Welcome new members and welcome to Guest Mary Kirby.
- Celebrated and thanked MaryLou and Freda for their years of dedication and service leading the Christian Service Commission.

ATTENDEES: Beth Stawasz-Donovan, Andrea Fitzgerald, Mary Tomilo, Clarisse Andrus, Freda Bova, Connie Zavistowski, Carmen Mosquera, Elaine Heaman, Marisa Szpytman, Carole Zikowski, Cindy Gauvin, Amy McMichael, MaryLou Jansen, Jan Laliberte, Cathy Ballnik, Sue D'Arcangelo, Jojie Castillo, Irena Zapulny, Carl Zapulny, Barbara Kubicek, Laura Sherlag, Mary Kirby, Jan Carnevale, Dorothy Bernocco

SUBCOMMITTEE #1: Assist Local Charities/Outreach

- **Blood Drive Report (Cathy Ballnik):** Blood drive 1/15/17 exceeded goal of 51 units, 64 units were collected. From sign-ups: 75% of those who signed up in church attended and 54% of those who scheduled online attended.
- **St Vincent DePaul Report (Diane Rivard):** Top Hat Collection raised over \$4,000! Chili Cha Cha was a huge success, the event sold out. The final number of the total collected has not yet been reported.
- **Capuchin/On the Rise Bakery Bake Sale Update (MaryLou Jansen):** (2/25&2/26) All masses are accounted for with the assistance of ushers volunteering, workers from the bakery, and other volunteers. MaryLou will utilize the "this and that" committee, if needed. She asked the members to jump in and help if those working the bake sale seem overwhelmed.
- **St. Pat's Senior Center Service Day Update (MaryLou Jansen):** (3/5/17) Girl Scouts have volunteered to help at this event .

SUBCOMMITTEE #2: Care of the Sick & Elderly

- **Nursing Home Ministry: (Freda Bova)** All is going very well.
- **Bereavement Cards(Jan Laliberte):** Cards are up to date
- **Homebound Parishioners: (Mary Tomilo)** Currently taking to 5 shut-ins

SUBCOMMITTEE #3: Life Issues (Cindy Gauvin)

- Roe v. Wade Luminary Sales raised \$571

- Right to Life Baby Shower Update (3/4-3/5, 3/11-3/12) - Collecting for Gianna House, serving over 200 women per year. We are collecting baby items as a baby shower to help these women in need.

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SUBCOMMITTEE #4: Men's Club(Jack Szpytman)

- Recently helped an elderly parishioner with repairs around her house. They enjoyed doing the work and look forward to more opportunities to help parishioners in need.
- Working on more service opportunities at Sts. Peter and Paul in Detroit, as well.

PARISH COUNCIL (Fr. John): No update

New Business:

- **Prison Ministry Opportunity:** Mary Kirby spoke about a possible prison ministry opportunity for interested parishioners. A program run by St. Thomas a Becket matches those interested in participating with inmates at the Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility. Opportunities include face-to-face visits, participation in weekly prayer services, and a pen pal program. Beth will look into a potential information night, for those interested.
- **Refugee Volunteer Opportunity Update (Marisa Szpytman):** Marisa is still working with the organization and is hoping to have more clarity for opportunity in the spring.
- **Michigan Veterans Foundation Opportunity Update (Andrea Fitzgerald):** Waiting to hear from Fr. John if we can move forward with this organization.
- **2017/2018 Calendar:**
- Members were encouraged to start thinking about dates for the 2017/2018 calendar.
- Beth met with the DCHS campus ministry director and activities director to discuss opportunities to partner with DCHS. They identified the following:
 - Streamline projects and drives. DCHS will adjust schedule/recipients of future drives to support parish-led programs.
 - Elevate Detroit- A community BBQ program that DCHS supports. Future dates will be passed along to Beth to be added to the 2017-2018 calendar for Christian Service.
 - PB&J Ministry/ Other "street evangelization" project - DCHS and Christian Service will work together on "street evangelization" program of some type.
 - Joint "prayer protests" at Northside abortion clinic- Prayer and demonstration groups will be there Saturdays. DCHS will be sending groups to this event and will invite us to join.

Beth closed the meeting at 7:30 p.m.; Fr. John said a prayer.

Next Meeting: Our next Christian Service Meeting will be on Monday, March 13, 2017 at 6:30pm in the Elementary School MPR.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Fitzgerald