DIVINE CHILD CHURCH CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING MONDAY, January 9, 2017

<u>OPENING PRAYER</u>: Jack Szpytman led prayer starting the meeting at 6:30. Asked the Lord to guide us in our work with this commission and all said an Our Father.

BETH'S COMMENTS:

 Beth welcomed everyone and asked that all members think about/share ideas for involving more parishioners in hands-on service projects. Beth encouraged including RCIA, HS and ES students, and members of the "This and That" committee. Also discussed how we can "streamline" service projects with HS and ES.

<u>ATTENDEES:</u> Beth Stawasz-Donovan, Andrea Fitzgerald, Mary Tomilo, Clarisse Andrus, Freda Bova, Connie Zavistowski, Carmen Mosquera, Elaine Heaman, Pamela Szpytman, Jack Szpytman, Carole Zikowski, Andi Fron, Cindy Gauvin, Amy McMichael, MaryLou Jansen, Jan Laliberte, Carole Zikowski, Cathy Ballnik, Bernadette Dzieciuch, Jodi Ann Micallef, Diane Rivard, Sue D'Arcangelo

SUBCOMMITTEE #1: Assist Local Charities/Outreach

- Capuchin Household Items Collection(Beth Stawasz-Donovan): Very successful collection. Beth thanked the Girl Scouts for their help in making tags and sorting items as they were collected before/after Masses. The Capuchins were "wowed" by the generosity of our parish. The collection included more than 40 pillows, boxes/bottles of laundry detergent, and diapers; 45 blankets; 45 sets of bed sheets; 50 packages of toilet paper and paper towel; and 60 sets of children's pajamas.
- Christmas Baskets(Mary Tomilo): Helped 38 families and 7 churches with food donated by parishioners. Received 40 turkeys donated by Wolverine Packing. ES students made cards that were included in baskets. \$1,536.68 was spent on gift cards and poinsettias, the flowers went to the shut-ins currently receiving Eucharist from our home bound ministry. Mary thanked all for their help including HS and ES students, parishioners, RCIA and a few of her family members.
- Blood Drive Update(Cathy Ballnik): Cathy thanked Connie, Jan, Beth and Andrew for help with sign-ups. Currently have 100 appointments set up. 62 set online, 36 signed up in church, 2 set over the phone. HS students will be working the drive. Blood drive is 1/15/17.
- St Vincent DePaul Update (Diane Rivard & Pam Szpytman): Chili cha-cha (1/28) tickets are currently for sale in the rectory. Tickets will also be sold 1/21&1/22 after m=Masses. Tickets are \$25/ticket suggested donation. This is the 10th annual chili cha cha. The goal is to raise \$20,000 to split evenly between SVDP and the Capuchins. Volunteers are needed to work the Chili cha cha, RCIA candidates may be asked to assist. "Top Hat" collection is utilizing volunteers from the This & That Committee to collect at each door at every Mass, 1/21&1/22.
- <u>Capuchin Bake sale (MaryLou Jansen):</u> (2/25&2/26) Members of RCIA will be staffing the bake sale after all Masses. MaryLou also asked CS members to lend a helping hand after the Mass they attend.

SUBCOMMITTEE #2: Care of the Sick & Elderly

- <u>Nursing Home Ministry (Freda Bova):</u> Fr. John gave a nice Mass 12/17. Catholic Residents were given a small gift. All is going well with Heartland.
- Bereavement Cards (Jan Laliberte): Cards are up to date
- Homebound Parishioners (Mary Tomilo): Currently taking to 8 shut-ins

SUBCOMMITTEE #3: Life Issues

• Roe v. Wade Luminary Sales (Cindy Gauvin): Sales will take place after Masses on 1/14&1/15. This year marks the 44th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Sign up sheet for sale was circulated.

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

- Supported Hall of Fame event in HS and raised money for the HS sports program.
- About 10 men participated in the Toys for Tots collection. 30 toys were collected.
- Matt Korte and sons led project to build closets and storage spaceat St. Peter and Paul in Detroit.
- A need was expressed that there are parishioners needing help with small home repair projects. Jack let us know that Men's club is interested in doing small projects for those who cannot have the repairs done on their own.

New Business:

- RCIA Update (JodiAnn Micallef): RCIA members really enjoyed helping with the Christmas food baskets. They felt welcomed into the community as well as the church. They would like to be involved in other service projects around Lent. They will assist with the Capuchin Bake Sale in February and meal at St. Pat's in June.
 - JodiAnn also gave an explanation of how we can utilize the This & That committee through contacting her and using Sign-up Genius.
- Refugee Volunteer Opportunity Update (Marisa Szpytman): Marisa is working with the organization and is hoping to have a hands-on service opportunity lined up for the parish community in the spring.
- Michigan Veteran Foundation Opportunity Update (Andrea Fitzgerald): Waiting to hear from Fr. John if we can move forward with assisting this organization by way of a hands-on service opportunity for the parish community. Concern is whether organization matches Catholic values.

Beth closed the meeting at 7:40 pm with a Hail Mary.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Fitzgerald