

CHURCH OF THE DIVINE CHILD
CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, September 12, 2017

OPENING PRAYER: Fr. Matt Hood opened the meeting at 7:05, thanking God for bringing us together in faith.

BETH'S COMMENTS:

- Welcome to guests Marc Sierra, Anne Parisot, and Barb Luca

ATTENDEES: Fr. Matt Hood, Beth Stawasz-Donovan, Andrea Fitzgerald, Mary Tomilo, Freda Bova, Marisa Szpytman, Carole Zikowski, Anne Parisot, Barb Luca, Bernadette Dzieciuch, Amy McMichael, Marc Sierra

SUBCOMMITTEE #1: Assist Local Charities/Outreach

- **Community BBQ (9/23) - Marc Sierra:** This is a partnership with Brightmoor Church, based in Novi. The event is a monthly BBQ/pot luck for the homeless in Detroit. DCHS students are encouraged to attend and transportation will be provided. This event will be held on a monthly basis and parishioners will be invited to attend in the future.
- **Fall Clothing Drive - Marc Sierra:** No word currently from the Catholic League for dates of the annual clothing drive to benefit SVdP. If no date is received by the end of the week, Beth Stawasz will plan our own fall clothing drive and reach out to Men's Club to man a truck.
- **Wee Care Collection (9/23-24 and 9/30-10/1) - Mary Tomilo:** Tag tree will be set up on 9/23 at 10 am. Tags will be available weekend of 9/23-9/24; collection will be held weekend of 9/30-10/1. Items collected will be primarily baby clothing.
- **Blood Drive (9/24) – Bernadette Dzieciuch:** Commission members signed up to man the sign-up booth on the weekend of 9/16-9/17. Volunteers are still needed for the registration desk the day of the drive, HS students will be asked to help.
- **SVDP Friends of the Poor Walk (9/30):** Fr. Matt read letter from Fr. Ricardo encouraging our parish to participate.
- **Mercy in Action Day (10/14) - Andrea Fitzgerald:** AOD-wide day of service, in partnership with the CCSEM. Our parish will fill 100 backpacks for the homeless Veterans at Michigan Veteran Foundation. A collection of the items to fill the backpacks will be held the weekend of 10/7-10/8 in the Gathering Room. Commission members signed up to man the collections. For day of the event, HS students will assist with set-up and clean-up. Coffee and donuts will be served to the volunteers on 10/14, who will then pack the bags and participate in a prayer/reflection period to be led by Fr. Matt. Beth Stawasz will reach out to K of C and Men's Club to see if any of their members can assist with delivery of the items. Andrea and Amy McMichael will work together to round out details for 10/14.
- **Drive to Benefit CCSEM Refugee Resettlement Program (11/17-11/18) - Marisa Szpytman:** Our parish will host a drive of household items drive for refugee families. More info to come in the future.

SUBCOMMITTEE #2: Care of the Sick & Elderly

- **Nursing Home Ministry - Freda Bova:** Fr. Matt Hood is now saying one Mass per month. All is going well.
- **Bereavement Cards:** No report.
- **Homebound Parishioners - Mary Tomilo:** Currently taking to 4-5 parishioners. Concerns related to delivery of Eucharist to homebound parishioners by family and friends will be raised to Worship Commission.

SUBCOMMITTEE #3: Life Issues

- **Respect Life Sunday/Life Chain (10/1) – Marc Sierra:** All parishioners encouraged to attend Life Chain @ Wilson/Telegraph on 10/1. No sign-up necessary.

SUBCOMMITTEE #4: Men's Club

- Jack Szpytman provided update by e-mail to Beth Stawasz. Recent activities include serving drinks and popcorn at Parking Lot Jam; supporting ticket sales at DCHS home football games; replacement of carpeting at Lennon Center; building a wheelchair ramp for a homebound parishioner; and raising approx. \$3,500 at charity poker to support future Christian service projects.

Fr. Matt's Report: Read letter asking if DC could help with a canister drive in September for the International Order of Alhambra. Commission decided not to move forward with this drive, as we have quite a few of our own drives this fall and our parish already supports the developmentally disabled through K of C's tootsie roll drive.

New Business:

- **Fiber Arts Ministry Introduction - Anne Parisot/Barb Luca:** New ministry formed to practice fiber arts (knitting, crochet, quilting, etc.) together. All are welcome. Projects made will be for charity. First meeting is 9/21 in DCHS APR at 7pm. The goal of the ministry is to work closely with other ministries and drives to provide any blankets, hats, etc. needed. Also an opportunity for Christian fellowship.

Beth closed the meeting at 8:15 pm

Next Meeting: Our next Christian Service Meeting will be on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 7pm in the Elementary School MPR.