DIVINE CHILD CHURCH
CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, November 14, 2016

OPENING PRAYER: Fr. John Kopson opened the meeting at 6:30 thanking God for bringing us together in faith.

BETH'S COMMENTS:

- **Went around the room introducing new members**

ATTENDEES: Fr. John Kopson, Beth Donovan, Andrea Fitzgerald, Mary Tomilo, Clarisse Andrus, Freda Bova, Connie Zavistowski, Laura Sherlag, Carmen Mosquera, Elaine Heaman, Judy Altesleben, Marisa Szpytman, Carolyn Forrest, Vera Greco, Mark Stepien, Susan Stepien, Carole Zikowski, Andi Fron, Cindy Gauvin

SUBCOMMITTEE #1: Assist Local Charities/Outreach

- **Capuchin Household items collection: Drive is underway and going well.**
- **Christmas baskets: Announcement will be in bulletin soon. RCIA members will be involved to work with parishioners. Sign up sheet went around for volunteers. Lil and heritage girls will take care of passing baskets to parishes. Baskets only given to those with a parishioner sponsor. Fr John suggested Mary start training any members interested in helping with this ministry in the spring.**
- **St Vincent DePaul Donations: Prepping for Chili cha-cha**

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

- **Nursing Home Ministry: (Freda) Still having trouble with Heartland new rules.**
- **Bereavement Cards: no report**
- **Homebound Parishioners: (Mary) 1 new calls from rectory. Currently going to 9 parishioners. Poinsettias will be delivered along with cards from Fr. Jim.**

SUBCOMMITTEE #3: Life Issues (Cindy Gauvin)

- **Christmas Card Sales: $2138 raised in 1 weekend of card sales. Also advertising continued sales as we have many cards left.**
- **12/4 10am mass for those with Special needs. Members were encouraged to invited those they know with Special needs to attend.**

SUBCOMMITTEE #4: Men's Club

- **10/3-10/6 poker tournament raised $4000 to be used around the parish**
- **Clothing drive filled the truck.**
- **12/12 Annual toys for tots drive.**

Fr. John: Parish Council Update

We are aiming to coordinate the elementary school, high school, and parish together on projects as one campus and community.

New Business: Marisa Szpytman provided research she has done on sponsorship opportunities available for families. Catholic Charities of South east Michigan helps with immigrants and refugees. They do need volunteer help as well as monetary donations. Adopt a family is a monetary donation program.
There are a significant amount of parishioners that have requested a "hands on" service project. Beth asked for more ideas regarding hands on projects.

Beth closed the meeting at 7:20 pm

Next Meeting: Our next Christian Service Meeting will be on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 6:30pm in the Elementary School MPR.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Fitzgerald