

**DIVINE CHILD CHURCH
CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, October 10, 2016**

OPENING PRAYER: Fr. John Kopson opened the meeting at 6:30 thanking God for our Catholic faith and giving us the courage to evangelize our faith with others through our Christian Service endeavors and asking the Lord to help us find our way with our gifts to help others.

BETH'S COMMENTS:

- Thanked everyone for coming, we had a large turnout.
- Went around the room introducing new members

ATTENDEES: Fr. John Kopson, Beth Donovan, Andrea Fitzgerald, Mary Tomilo, Freda Bova, Connie Zavistowski, Janet Laliberte, Joan Reed, Rosemarie Laurain, Cathy Ballnik, MaryLou Jansen, Andi Fron, Jodie Castillo, Elaine Heaman, Carmen Mosquera, Amy McMichael, Mariela Ventencourt, Clarisse Andrus, Judy Altesleben, Nancy Bialy, Bernadette Dzieciuch, Marisa Szpytman, Sue D'Arcangelo, Cindy Gauvin, Carolyn Forrest

SUBCOMMITTEE #1: Assist Local Charities/Outreach

- **Blood Drive:** (Cathy, Bernadette) Blood Drive went well. We reached our goal and 54 units were captured. From online scheduled appointments, 36% attended and 80% of those who scheduled in church attended. A suggestion was made to do a reminder phone call the Friday before a blood drive. Next blood drive is Jan. 15
- **Wee Care:** (Mary) Went very well. Every year the amount of donations continues to grow. We collected 262 sleepers, 153 blankets, 223 onesies, 88 bottles, 23 cribsheets, 107 bibs, 23 towels, 73 socks, 16 Project Linus Blankets, 21 handmade burp cloths, 12 handmade hats, 42 pacifiers, 2 hats, 7 big blankets, 1 baby girl snowsuit, 2 packages of ribbons, 3 boxes and 5 packages of diapers, 2 white shawls, 3 toys, 1 maternity top and \$210 in Meijer gift cards.
- **St Vincent DePaul Donations/Friends of the poor:** (Diane/Pam) After Mass collection raised \$403. Several people signed up for the Friends of the poor Walk.
- **Capuchin Bake Sale Recap:** (MaryLou) Went very well. Lots of empty racks were loaded back on the truck. MaryLou thanked everyone that jumped in and helped after Masses.
- **Capuchin Collection Update:** (Beth) No Coat drive this year as there is not a need. A household items drive will be held instead. Any items that are needed in a household that food stamps cannot buy. If the household items collection is successful it will continue. A tree will go up with tags for 2 weekends and collection will be 2 weekends.

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

- **Nursing Home Ministry:** (Freda) 3 new people signed up. Everything is going well.
- **Bereavement Cards:** (Janet Laliberte') Jan reported that there were quite a few in September, but all are up to date.
- **Homebound Parishioners:** (Mary) No new calls from rectory. Currently going to 9 parishioners.

SUBCOMMITTEE #3: Life Issues (Cindy Gauvin)

- Great turn out for Right to Life Sunday
- Christmas Card Sales 11/5-11/6, 11/12-11/13 sign up sheet passed around.

SUBCOMMITTEE #4: Men's Club

- Contact Jack to volunteer for Capuchin clothing drive. Jack has volunteers from Men's club and boy scouts currently.
- Open to idea of homebound visits. Caretakers can call in to request visit.
- Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries Service Project: Service project was started on renovating the kitchen and dining room of a home by Men's Re-entry program. They reached out to Divine Child for help finishing the project. Men's club is helping.

Fr. John: Happy to see new parishioners getting involved. Explained that Christian Service is more than just a monthly meeting and encouraged everyone to get as involved as possible. Encouraged members to bring new ideas they may have and use the meetings as a platform for new ideas or moving current missions forward.

- First Young Adults gathering with about a 20 person turnout.

Parish Council update: Fr. Jim would like each mission to move forward. He asked us to think about what 3 things we (Christian Service) need to move our mission forward. MaryLou suggested trying to get other groups within the church to blend together to blend the parish. Example: work with High schools students with Christian service projects on a more regular basis. Please share any further ideas with Beth.

Ministry Fair: we had 23 new members sign up!

Beth closed the meeting at 7:20 pm thanking God for the opportunity to serve DC and the neighborhood, and for bringing us all together. All said a Hail Mary.

Next Meeting: Our next Christian Service Meeting will be on Monday, November 14, 2016 at 6:30pm in the Elementary School MPR.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Fitzgerald