

CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 25, 2017

Present: Agnes Smalkowski, Linda Samulski, Cheryl Ginnet, Jack Dauffenbach, Regina Falkowski, Claire Shaw, Joanne Mizak, Ruth Ceci, Renee' Heileman

1. Opening Prayer: "Pastoral Meeting Prayer"
2. Minutes from March meeting approved after following changes: 3.B. Linda worked with Judy to compare costs of Mass cards, and 5.E. Joanne completed the investigation of human trafficking programs.
3. Reports
  - A. ACWC: the group had no meeting on Holy Thursday, board meeting is this Friday, card party took place on April 20<sup>th</sup>, over 200 people attended and made \$1672, but still have a few expenses to pay.
  - B. Autumn Woods: No issues, having an extra minister for Communion Services has helped decrease the work load.
  - C. Bereavement: the ministry served 5 funerals in March and so far in 1 in April
  - D. Boy Scouts: they have 9 new boys, 2 more Eagle scouts, May 21 is Pancake Breakfast (informed that they could use St. Martin discount at Gordon's to buy sausage), Jimmy John baseball stadium may make a donation for baskets, they are still looking for donations for the fundraisers, several camping trips are planned for the summer. St. Martin Boy Scouts are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.
  - E. Food Pantry/Food Collection: doing well, packing 3-4 boxes of food every week for Holiday Giving Program (HGP).
  - F. Funeral Lunch: on hold
  - G. Knights of Columbus: no report, the church bulletin reported that they did well on the tootsie roll drive
  - H. Parish Council: Storage closet in teen room completed, garage project is very expensive, looking into changing atrium into storage area for Christian Service.
  - I. Parish Nurse: one more month of armchair aerobics, trying to schedule a balance class in the fall (Renee' is now an instructor- class takes 2 instructors), we would like to plan a blood drive, it was suggested that tablets or lap top computers be brought to church vestibule to register donors.
  - J. Right to Life: We now have a new Pro-Life Supreme Court Justice, they will be selling carnations after every Mass on Mother's Day weekend, Knights will help sell, and money helps with education, awareness and assistance for mothers.
  - K. Stephen Ministry: Hoping for new candidates to become ministers next ministry year. Please inform office if you know of someone who needs a minister and Lori will contact Florence.
  - L. Teens: Prayed and played music during adoration on Holy Thursday and assisted at the Good Friday services. Geranium Sale is first weekend in May, Preparing for youth retreat in Steubenville. St. Cornelius dropped out leaving

- the cost of the bus to be covered by only St. Martin and St. Malachy. They are trying to get more teens to attend.
4. Old Business
    - A. Almsgiving: Checks and paper money have totaled almost \$2900 and there is a lot of change to be counted. Money counters will count this week. This money will support ministry to for the homeless. (Warming center, bus tickets, Ray of Hope day center, etc.)
  5. New Business
    - A. Funeral Brunch- hope to work on this summer and offer by fall)
    - B. AED/CPR- in May will start classes for groups. Parish staff will be doing BLS (basic life support) training on May 2. Would like to have AED's installed before the summer holidays.
    - C. Mission Trip: At this time we have 9 people from St. Martin going on the trip and 10 people from St. Michael going on the trip. Soon we will start the planning of details for the trip with St. Michael. The plan is to go as a united group involving the communities of both churches.
    - D. Ministry Fair- is planned for Sept 16 & 17. All ministries are asked to prepare displays and have volunteers man the tables after every Mass that weekend.
    - E. Renee' and Fr. Nick have been invited to a meeting/lunch for parish nursing by St. John/Providence on May 23, the date our last meeting was planned for. It was agreed that our meeting would be changed to May 30 at 12:30pm. Lunch will be served before the meeting.
    - F. Renee' asked that all ministers think about new ideas for next year. At the next meeting we will spend most of the time evaluating how Christian Service needs were met this year and plans for next year.
    - G. Renee' is planning on working with Joanne again next year to do another afternoon of reflection ending with Mass. Tentative date in Nov 11.
    - H. A storage closet has been built in the teen room. It is to be shared by Christian Service, Knights of Columbus and teens. Larry, head of maintenance is working with architects and contractors to price out transforming the atrium into a storage area for C.S.
    - I. Appalachian drive is May 21 & 21. Furniture and household items will be the primary things collected. Some clothes will also be accepted.
  6. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at 12:30pm.
  7. Ended meeting with the Serenity Prayer

Respectfully submitted by R. Heileman RN