

## **CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

### **September 26, 2017**

Present: Rocky Mercier, Agnes Smalkowski, Linda Samulski, Jack Dauffenbach, Kitty Moore, Regina Falkowski, Stan Sobecki, Marilyn Bacyinski, Cheryl Ginnel, Dc. Marion, Renee' Heileman

1. Opening Prayer-"Prayer for Autumn Days"
2. Minutes from May 2017 approved
3. Reports
  - A. ACWC- no report- they recently celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, will soon have card party in Oct followed by craft show 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in Nov.
  - B. Autumn Woods- Friday services going well. Could use more volunteers for Monday Communion distribution.
  - C. Bereavement- this ministry is very short. Hoping to get volunteers at fair. They serviced 4 families in May, 6 in June, 3 in July, 4 in August and so far 5 in September.
  - D. Boy Scouts- 18 boys went to summer camp and earned 90 badges. Will be doing pumpkin carving at an October meeting as a recruitment tool.
  - E. Food Pantry- Numerous boxes of food have been packed throughout the summer for HGP. Also send food to St. Veronica most weeks.
  - F. Funeral Brunch- Tim Wynne, a retired chef would like to be big part of this ministry. Renee' will meet with him and a former team leader soon to develop new program for the parish.
  - G. Knights of Columbus- the men will be serving food at ministry fair. Oct. 14 Rosary, Oct. 28 Euchre party, Oct. 29 Trunk or Treat. New Grand Knight is Kevin Labudde.
  - H. Parish Council- Church sound system has been improved; we will be converting the atrium area of parish center into storage for Christian Service; will be delving into the Pastoral letter "Unleash the Gospel." Looking at how we can move from maintenance to mission.
  - I. Parish Nurse- Balance class (8 weeks) well received. Long waiting list for next class. Armchair aerobics has begun again. Bringing in flu shots. Starting Walk to Bethlehem program.
  - J. Right to Life- grateful to be able to put in bulletin article weekly, not permitted at some churches. Considering a book drive for children. 40 days for life starts Wednesday, Sept. 27 with peaceful prayer in front of abortion centers.
  - K. Stephen Ministry- no new candidates for ministry. They have care receivers waiting, but no ministers to assign to them.
  - L. Teens- just getting started for the season. Have been doing a lot with St. Malachy. Retreat Oct. 20.
4. Old Business
  - A. AED training- more classes should be scheduled when time permits. AED's are in place in church and parish center.
  - B. Mission trip with St. Michael was very successful. Church members worked really well together. Changes in Fr. Beiting mission are taking place due to

decreased support from their diocese. Cost for mission teams is going up and smaller groups are only accepted.

- c. Clothing Drive for St. Dominic was successful. Their store rooms were empty and we filled them up. 14 volunteers helped empty the truck.
5. New Business
- A. Festival of Ministries- we will celebrate 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of parish. Hoping to attract people to parish and to ministry. Volunteers needed to work tables.
  - B. Mercy in Action day- Sat., Oct. 14 in the morning. We will be doing outdoor clean-up for convent and local seniors. We have about 12 volunteers at this time.
  - C. Holiday Giving Programs- We are already contacting schools to get families in need. Letters will be going out soon. Volunteers have been making tags for giving trees. Letters to volunteers will go out in Oct.
  - D. Anointing Mass will be on Wednesday, Oct 18, at 7pm Mass. Renee' will ask Christine to get volunteers to help from the Confirmation Class.
  - E. C.S. Afternoon of Reflection was originally planned for Nov. 11. We will cancel that date due to so many other programs right now, and re-schedule for March or April.
  - F. Survey results from last spring shared with commission. Linda S. has been doing research on transportation program through Interfaith Volunteer Services. It will take quite a bit of work. She will continue to research it. Linda, Kitty and Knights are interested in helping with the scheduling of a blood drive in the spring.
6. Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 24, at 1:30pm
7. Closed with "Fall Prayer"