

Christian Service and Responsibility Meeting, March 18, 2025

Witness Christ's message of love and compassion through:

- 1. Financial and material support for those in need, locally and throughout the world.*
- 2. Engage, motivate, educate and facilitate as parish members work in acts of charity and social justice.*

In attendance: Jan Liss, Dave Callsen, Jeanne Rabel, Pat Glen

Jan introduced a new agenda and minutes heading describing the activities of CSR as above in italics.

1 Opening. Jan opened the meeting with an excerpt from an article of reflection on our authentic desires vs. our actual desires and the need to be aware of them. The authentic desires are the good and godly ways we follow to be the best we can be for God. The actual desires are those nudges away from our best selves, like not letting someone with fewer items in the checkout lane in front of us or not checking in with that friend we know we should reach out to.

There were no new agenda items to add.

2. Jan reported on the survey the Pastoral Council had asked each committee/commission to complete. The task was to rank the 13 items on the Ministerially Complete and Vibrant Parish survey. Jan reported that The Living Justice Ministries have completed it, others are still pending. There was a brief discussion of the results listing various rankings as of this point. Jan reports ongoing interest in creating a Parish Directory.

3. Budget Report/Allocations: Dave Callsen went over the budget.

Balance on 12/31/2024 \$10,365. Current income for Jan. and Feb. from parish contributions of \$220.00. Total authorized allocations \$2,500. Balance as of 02/28/2025 is \$8,085. Projected balance at EOY is \$0.

There was discussion re: donation to DCMC. Their no charge Dental program CSR supported is no longer under DCMC. Larry from Stella Maris was going to obtain confirmation from DCMC that it's Mental Health nonprofit outreach is consistent with Catholic Values. We would redirect donations to that cause if that is the case. Dave will e-mail Larry for an update.

Catholic Foundation/World Missions. Jeanne gave a brief review of opportunities listed in

World Missions catalog. In the past donations were focused on projects for children and schools and water. It was suggested that we select 2 projects benefitting Nuns and 2 projects benefitting Seminarians this year. The total donation between those two projects is \$2,000. All agreed, Jeanne will e-mail Laurie for the check.

United Way. We will obtain a listing of United Way funded organizations and agencies to confirm they are vetted and consistent with Catholic values.

4. Updates

Care 24/7 Food Pantry. Supplies look low, but there is a new order for supplies. Seed library has brought in seed for people to plant. Subs are being used to help at the pantry and it is working well.

Loaves and Fishes: Jan reported that Stella Maris will assume oversight and support of this program, taking over from the Ephraim Moravian Church. Angela Packard will be involved and some faith programs will be offered at the end of the meals. Laura Neville will continue her paid position as organizer this year and the first meal will be April 10th.

Pastoral Council: Jan reported that funds can be accessed from interest earned when it has reached 2 Million dollars. New guidelines for Eucharistic Ministry are in progress. The organ from the Fish Creek Community Church is now in the loft at Baileys Harbor and is in good working order. The food pantry also received a nice donation from a church member. New roofs are needed at Fish Creek and Egg Harbor. The Anniversary Celebration will be held on 9/28/25 in Sister Bay. Pastoral Council is encouraging participation by all ministries. St. Vincent DePaul will serve. Jan asked if CSR would like to work on publicity...further discussion needed. An Entrust retreat will be held on 6/8/25 and 6/9/25.

Respect Life: no report

St. Vincent DePaul: There have been 40 visits since January meeting. Mostly in Sturgeon Bay.

5. Old Business:

SAIL. Presented at the Pastoral Council. They will have a free Soup/Sandwich Luncheon at NWTC on March 26th, to reach out to potential volunteers/subscribers. The Jacksonport/Sevestapol organization may be extending its area coverage. They are looking to increase services to seniors. Currently there are 24 volunteers and 25 members with 18 individuals expressing interest and there are 15,000 FB views.

SPRING COLLECTION: Last year we collected toiletries and personal items for the Boys and Girls Club. This year they need leggings, sweats and grooming supplies. We will collect during the month of May at all sites. Bins will be placed at each site and a list of items will be in the bulletin. Leadership meeting will be held on Wednesday 5/28/25 from 4:00 – 8:00.

Next meeting will be on May 20, 2025 at 4:00 at Sister Bay

Respectfully submitted, Pat Glen