

Christian Service and Responsibility Committee Meeting Minutes - May 20, 2025

In Attendance: Dave Callsen, Pat Glen, Beckie Hawker, Jan Liss, Becky Nash, Kristy Nelson, Tom O'Grady and Jeanne Rabel. Guest: Bill Wolff (Former CSR member and Budget Chair).

Jan opened the meeting with prayer and a reflection on Pope Francis, when he was Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Argentina, how the way he ministered then was reflected in how he ministered globally as Pope. Thank You notes and letters have been received from Feed and Clothe My People, Neighbor to Neighbor, United Way of Door County, Door County Bridges and HELP of Door County.

Budget - Dave: \$3415 has been received in donations to date for the 2024-25 year. It was unanimously decided that the \$500 we will not be giving to the Door County Medical Center Behavioral Clinic will be added to our Care 24/7 Food Pantry Budget. After our authorized expenses and allocations are paid, we will have a zero balance in our 2024-25 Budget. We have been informed that our 2025-26 Budget from the Stella Maris Parish has been greatly reduced to \$3000 from the 2% we have been receiving. Lengthy discussion followed. While we understand the Parish's need for fiscal responsibility, our CSR Mission statement for the past 19 years is to "witness Christ's message of love and compassion thru financial and material support to those in need, locally and throughout the world." This is a basic hallmark of our Catholic religion, and we are disappointed. As the Parish 2025-26 Budget has not yet been presented to the Pastoral and Finance Councils, we hope to re-address this issue at the June Pastoral Council.

CARE 24/7 Food Pantry - Dave: With \$375 received in donations and almost \$3000 in expenses, the Pantry Budget Balance is about \$9000. Parishioner Joyce Charney requested her memorial funds be given to the Pantry. Pantry usage is up and this trend is anticipated to continue.

Loaves & Fishes Meal - Pat: April attendance was about 40; only 20 in May. ADRC is doing lunches in Northern Door now and this may be having an effect on our turn-out. They have a great group of volunteers.

Pastoral Council - Becky: The Stella Maris Parish 20th Anniversary is being planned. It will be held on Sunday, September 28th in Sister Bay starting with 10:00 Mass with Bishop Ricken. The Parish is also doing a new Photo Directory with pictures being taken August 1st thru the 9th. Anyone purchasing a photo will receive a Directory free. Others may purchase a Directory for \$20.

Respect Life - Beckie & Jan: Julie Kiehnau continues to write articles for the church bulletins. Work is being done on a project to move the "Born and Unborn" plaque at St Mary of the Lake Cemetery from the ground to be mounted in the small grotto. Shirley Raasch has told Jan that Respect Life meetings should resume soon.

St Vincent de Paul - Jan: 24 visits were made in the past two months. They are doing OK financially at this time but could use year-round volunteers.

SAIL (Senior Advocates for Independent Living) - Jan: Services have been expanded to Baileys Harbor and Ephraim in addition to Liberty Grove and Sister Bay. Look for ads in the church bulletins for more information.

Boys & Girls Club Collection - Jan: Personal hygiene items and clothing for ages 6 to 12 are being collected at all church sites during the month of May for the Club in Sturgeon Bay.

Habitat for Humanity Meals - Jan: Along with other area churches, Stella Maris is providing noon meals for the workers in Sister Bay on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact Jan if you would like to help.

Entrust Alumni are meeting on Wednesday, May 21st in Fish Creek from 10:00 to 11:30. A Leadership Conference will be held on Wednesday, May 28th.

Jan mentioned several possible new projects ... restarting a Prison Ministry at the Sturgeon Bay Jail where they now have Lutheran and non-denominational programs; ladies to make soups which would be frozen to bring to anyone who would benefit from a meal.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 15th at 4:00 PM in Sister Bay.

Respectfully submitted,

Beckie Hawker, Secretary