

Christian Service and Responsibility Committee Meeting Minutes - May 21, 2024

In Attendance: Dave Callsen, Pat Glen, Beckie Hawker, Jan Liss, Jan Malchow, Becky Nash and Tom O'Grady.

Jan opened the meeting with a prayer to the Holy Spirit. A correction on an item in our CSR March 19, 2024 Meeting Minutes: The St Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Joseph's in Sturgeon Bay, not our Conference, receives support from the United Way of Door County. Thank You notes have been received from Feed & Clothe My People, Door County Habitat for Humanity, Neighbor To Neighbor Volunteer Caregivers of Door County, Door County Bridges, Door Tran, Northern Door Children's Center and the Catholic Foundation of the Green Bay Diocese. The \$2000 donation thru the Catholic Foundation helped fund the following: a solar water pump at a Dominican Republic Mission; a new water tower at a Liberia Mission; water and sanitation in the Diocese of Sivagangai, India and water for schools in the Kasana-Luweero Diocese.

Budget - Dave: Parish Contributions for March, April and May totaled \$1444 and Authorized Expenses for that period were \$8076. With the exception of our \$1500 allocation for Catholic Relief Services, all our 2023-24 donations have been distributed and after Dave checks with the Stella Maris bookkeeper, we should end with a \$0 Account Balance.

CARE 24/7 Food Pantry - Dave: The February Balance was \$15,202. Since then we received \$1579 in donations and spent \$4382, leaving us a current Balance of \$12,399. On Thursday, May 30th, the Griffon Group Quartet will give a Benefit performance for our Pantry at our Stella Maris Fish Creek site. Admission is free with a food item donation.

Conversation Partners - Becky: There are now six active learners with the newest from Turkey.

Parish Mission Planning/Entrust - Jan: A Parish Potluck Leadership Conference is being held tomorrow, May 22nd at 4:00 at our Sister Bay site. Several CSR members plan to attend with Jan. Another Entrust Retreat is planned for Sunday and Monday, June 9th and 10th at our Baileys Harbor site. Each day will begin with Mass and be held from 8:00 to 5:00.

Respect Life - Beckie: Nothing new to report at this time.

St Vincent de Paul - Elaine: There have been 27 calls/visits since our March meeting. They are working on plans for our Conference, along with St Joseph's Conference in Sturgeon Bay and Algoma's Conference to form a new SVdP District, leaving the Green Bay District which now has over 20 Conferences. More to follow on this.

Spring Collection - Pat: Five grocery bags of assorted items, from underwear to deodorants, were delivered by Pat to the Door County Boys and Girls Club in Sturgeon Bay and gratefully received.

Discussion then followed in connection with Do Good Door County and their SAIL (Senior Advocates for Independent Living) Program. We plan to get more information and discuss at a future meeting.

Habitat for Humanity of DC - Jan: There are no plans to build a home this year but volunteers continue to help with needed home repairs.

Loaves and Fishes - Jan & Pat: Attendance has been about 30/35. No additional volunteers are needed at this time.

Jan explained that the Door County YMCA is looking to expand its Summer Food Program north of Fish Creek and approached Stella Maris regarding using our Sister Bay location as a distribution site. They now have about 18 sites, mostly in Sturgeon Bay. The Program serves children and seniors with prepared bag lunches. It would run weekdays only, Monday thru Thursday, at noon, probably June 9th thru mid-August. Our CSR Committee considered how it could work and favored the idea. Jan will follow up with the Stella Maris Office.

Jan Malchow shared that he is phasing back on his responsibilities and will no longer be our CSR liaison.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 16th, at 4:00 PM in Sister Bay.

Respectfully submitted,

Beckie Hawker, Secretary