

OUTREACH COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA (with minutes)

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

Library, Manalis Center, St Ann Parish

7:15 pm

Opening Prayer/Meditation – Ralph

Attendance

Lucy Austin, Susan Becker, Jim Gullace, Lou Jardinier, Christin Kinman, Matt Kinman, Donna Louzon, Bill McGovern, Ralph Parchment

Reports submitted:

Parish Nursing (Mary Kay)

Habitat (Terry)

Minutes to approve: June 18 meeting

Ministry Team Leadership and Budgets for 2016-2017

Note the changes in team leadership for this fiscal year

General discussion regarding some confusion about the number of food collections on the third weekend of the month (Loaves & Fishes, Micah's, Children in Need); the Commission decided to change CiN support to quarterly material donations in Fall, Winter, Spring rather than food donations; Food Collection Sunday will now be Micah's and Loaves & Fishes

- Advent Giving Tree – Donna Louzon
Two new agencies applied to be recipients; the Commission decided to accept Broadmore Assisted Living but not PRAY based on the criterion of the Giving Tree providing gifts to those who would not otherwise receive a Christmas present.
- Bereavement – Christina Doucette and Connie Lenhart
- Children in Need – Christin Kinman
CiN has been very busy, ~\$2,400 per opening and providing clothes as well as food for hungry teenagers; Commission decided to replace food collection with a quarterly collection of needed seasonal, non-food items: clothes, laundry and toiletry supplies, etc.; NHHS is also starting a food pantry for students;
- Communications – Bill McGovern
Continue with the St Ann Reaches Out newsletter at Advent and Pentecost; ministry teams were encouraged to submit write-ups and photos as they become available
- EM/Visitation at Nursing Homes – Angela Roberts
- English and More – Lue Jardinier
2 parishioners currently active, 1 on medical leave. 1 will begin in Oct for a total of 4. Number of students continues to increase gradually; will get an actual count at the Nov meeting; in July, the El Salvador consulate came to Hagerstown to renew work permits
**important to report on this new ministry at the Oct Pastoral Council meeting
- Habitat for Humanity/Apostles Build – Terry Ralston
Could be a 2017 Interfaith Build; HfH will send a letter out to churches soon
- Haiti Parish Partnership/Summer Camp – Jim Gullace
Ken Walton has stepped down as team leader but will remain involved; this and other changes in the team creates a long-range need to recruit team members who can travel to Haiti

Summer Camp was successful (despite a Zika infection), but need more St Ann teens for future camps, so Jim is talking with Thuy wrt how to tap into 7-8 graders (Edge) and the confirmation class; the spirituality link will continue using the Rosary exchange for the 1st communicants of both parishes; Choir's outreach has resulted in the hiring of a music teacher at St Claire; Littlest Angels will continue as before;

Fall ticket sales for the Halloween Gala Rotary auction/fundraiser that will benefit St. Ann Haiti Outreach water project begins Sept 10/11; needs volunteers to help sell tickets, especially following the 5pm Sat Mass. Our sales goal is 100 raffle tickets and 35 dinner/auction. The Haiti committee is also putting together a "Basket of Boos" for the silent auction - part of the Rotary Dinner/Auction if anyone is able/willing to donate to that with a bottle or item of something "seasonal " (spooky/Halloweenish) that would be greatly appreciated – contact Mary Kay at tel-301-991-6515

- **Holly Place – Donna Louzon**
Active team delivering meals 2-3x per month
- **Home Visitation/Church at a Distance – Ralph Parchment/Michaela Whittaker/Gary Fulmer**
At this point, the idea is vague but involves expanding opportunities for those who cannot physically reach the Parish and its meetings to be more connected, more frequently, and more sustainably rather than 1-off visits; Ralph plans to talk more with Gary about how to do this, perhaps with parishioners joining for a meal after Gary's services at Asst Living facilities, other suggested ideas were Shawl Shepherds night there, making Rosaries, or 1st Communicants dinners; Letty arranges for the Confirmation class to visit at Western Maryland; Parish Office may have a list of Parishioners by facility;
- **Loaves and Fishes – Bill Nairn**
Donna reported that everything in place for Monday food deliveries to St Mark's, since the later time of Sunday Mass means that it cannot be delivered on Sunday.
- **Maryland Catholic Conference Lobby Night – Lue Jardinier**
Too early in the season to report
- **Micah's Backpack – Lucy Austin (Christina Doucette, Donna Louzon, Brooks McBurney)**
Two new packers have joined, and middle schoolers will pack on Sep 24th; first delivery of the school year will be Thursday, Sep 15th; Maugansville has signed up 9 students so far
- **Open Table – _____**
Mary Anne Bass is interested in restarting this, and will attend the REACH luncheon
- **Parish Nursing – Mary Kay Gilbert**
Blood drive scheduled for Sat. Sept 24, at the Manalis center, 930 am -3pm; \$45 donation of food certificates from Martins and Weiss, and Cookie jar will also make a donation; first Parish Nurse network meeting is this Thurs-topic will be lung and breast cancer update; Alzheimers speaker for the October Catholic Golden Agers (same week as St. Luke's feast day); Emergency First educators contacted re the AED pads (one in church) needing update this Sept. Donna Louzon also aware.
- **Poor Box – Donna Louzon, Susan Becker**
The 2016-2017 Poor Box recipients were finalized:
Children in Need replaced Convoy of Hope in the Sept slot. Loaves & Fishes placed into December. Back filled CiN's original June spot with Habitat-Apostles Build, but if the building program doesn't materialize by mid-Spring, a different recipient will be selected for June.
**NOTE: next year, swap Children in Need and Parishioners Needs so that CiN occupies the August timeslot

FY17 (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017)			
Month	Agency	Amount	Agency Mission
Jul	Holly Place	\$ 684.20	assisted living for low-income elderly
Aug	Parishioners' Needs	\$ 492.92	assistance for parishioners w/financial difficulties
Sep	Children in Need	--	school supplies and other items for local, low-income children and MS/HS students
Oct	Hagerstown Rescue Mission	--	men dealing with substance abuse w/soup kitchen
Nov	Community Free Clinic	--	medical care for the community's uninsured
Dec	Loaves and Fishes	--	Community Food Bank at St Mark's
Jan	CASA	--	victims of domestic violence
Feb	W House	--	women dealing with substance abuse
Mar	Salvation Army	--	poor and homeless women/children w/soup kitchen
Apr	STAR Ventures	--	Community for mentally-challenged adults
May	Hagerstown Area Pregnancy Ctr	--	pregnant women facing difficult decisions
Jun	Habitat for Humanity – Apostles Build Program	--	Affordable housing that low-income families can earn through sweat equity

- Prison Ministry – ??
Anie Alencherry and her husband still do prison ministry, but because they have not been St Ann parishioners since 2014, this outreach will convert from a St Ann ministry team to a community service opportunity; Anie's phone is 301-733-7942.
- REACH Cold Weather Shelter – Lue Jardinier
St Ann will sponsor the 3rd week of January
- Shawl Shepherds – Marion Marshall
- Villa Maria – Lois Maccumbee

New Business and Opportunities

- Lessons-learned from past years
 - Interacting with pre- and post-confirmation teens
- Commission Chair-elect

Parish Topics

- Pastoral Council – Ralph
PC meeting last night; important topic was planning a Year of Mercy mission or event, either for the Parish or the community at large. Commission will use email to develop an idea to propose.
One idea would be a healing Mass (or service with HARC) with a meal, perhaps with a meal to follow where people can “tell their stories at table”. Could be for loss of a child (miscarriage/abortion) and/or loss of people to drug overdose/abuse. It was noted that a healing Mass/service requires preparation and careful attention so that it is a ministry to hurting individuals. Burnadette Wagner is working with a resource for people who have lost a child.
- STAND Training for all Outreach members, regardless of “substantial contact” or not

Guiding Goals for 2016 Outreach

- Effective communication about Outreach missions within and outside of the parish
- Continuity of leadership and mission teams

- Fill age gaps in Outreach mission opportunities and ministry
 - Post-confirmation youth
 - Young adults
 - Non-driving parishioners

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2016-2017 Meeting Schedule – all meetings in the Manalis Center Library, 7:15-8:30 pm

- Mon, Nov 7th (final plans for Advent season ministries – Giving Tree)
- Tue, Feb 7th (final plans for Lenten season ministries – Littlest Angels)
- Wed, May 3rd (seasonal wrapup, Haiti summer trip, and Pentecost newsletter)

Closing Prayer - everyone