

Matthew 25 Committee Meeting

September 16th

People Present:

(Fr. Jake, Paul Charette, Bob Taylor, Bill Schoenl, Mike Green, Maureen Dillon, Ann Zygmuntowicz, Joe Liberato)

Topic	Facilitator
<p>Prayer of Saint Francis Lord make me an instrument of your peace, Where there is hatred let me sow love Where there is injury, pardon, Where there is doubt, faith, Where there is despair, hope Where there is darkness, light, And where there is sadness, joy</p> <p>O divine master grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console To be understood as to understand, To be loved as to love For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned And it's in dying that we are born to eternal life</p> <p>Amen</p>	Joe
Norms of Collaboration Review	
<p>Policy Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Consensus ● What is the protocol for voting? ● When do we use this? When we are using for policy decision. Subcommittee votes and All 4s and 5. 	Joe
<p>Allocation of Members</p> <p>We are going to keep the east and west division and will revisit it in January membership and the groups..</p> <p>We can we be more descriptive and more transparent on the web site.</p>	
<p>Technology/Communication Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Layout/Design ● Changing Text ● Responding to Applications ● Adding Logo <p><i>Mike is working the revisit the website and make the site more transparent and straightforward. Will put the meeting minutes and policies and procedures and commitment members joining. Looking for any suggestions for the web sites.</i></p> <p><i>Mike set up the site to forward submissions. Denise has been sending letters to people indicating we had received it and will discuss at the next meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Paul is working on the logo and we can email ideas for the Logo to put in the bulletin and baskets.</i></p>	Mike

There are current recipients listed. We will put a list on the website. The East is showing up, the west is not. Paul went through the mail - if there was junk mail, Paul has been requesting to not be on the email list. He put the material back in basket. We need an effort to organize the folders. We eventually scan the documents and put up on the website.

How do we incorporate the paper requests into the online system? We can then track all applications, if they have been reviewed and decided upon and if someone responded to the requestor.

Could we sort by mail that is other than 1st class mail? Paul can go through the files and organize and decide how far back when you go through the files.

Process for Reviewing New Charities:

Brainstorm what people look for in charities. What % of the money gets to the people. What % is spent on financial and administrative. More than 10% on administrative and advertising. If no thank you notes or feedback. Check the charity rating or attorney general. Check the financial reporting. Is there a local connection? Higher responsibility if they are connected to the parish.

If a priest is running a charity, we can check with their order if they a member in good standing.

We have sent check overseas? Preferable that the organizations here that move the money over.

[Charity Navigator](#)

[BBB Give.org](#)

[Charity Watch](#)

New Charities to review:

East:

- Dr. Weatherhead Presentation - Savannah Trust (from the May meeting) - South Africa
- Alan Glaz - IOF Ghana (Ishmael Odamtten's foundation)
- Foundation for Children in Need based in Arlington, IL
- Gamberni Women and Children Initiative based in Haslett
- Solar Circle
- Indonesian Earthquake Relief through the national St Vincent de Paul society
- Discuss giving to well-run but underfunded charities that have a very good record

West:

- **YouthWorks-Detroit (June 9th) - Not Dire need**
- Charities list
- Replacement for Casa Materna - Hannah House? Yes give the money to Hannah house. Ann has a request from Hannah House making a plea for help. Contact information
 - Deanna Arnett
 - Hannah's House
 - P.O. Box 14013
 - Lansign, 48901
 - Hanna house has served...

All 4 and 5s consensus voting.

<p>New Business</p> <p>Doctors without borders. Are they eliminated? We agreed that is there are alternatives on the ground, we will use those alternatives? Where doctors without borders are operating solely in a place for dire need, we will fund them? Look at US Catholic Bishops about doctors without borders.</p> <p>The eastern committee will decide this and provide an opportunity to have everyone is heard.</p>	
<p>Next meeting: January 20, St. Thomas</p>	

Next charities:

Date	Hemisphere	Charity
10/28	East	St. Vincent Depaul Indonesia Earthquake
11/4	West	Northwest Haiti Christian Mission -
11/11	East	Foundation for Children In Need in India
11/18	West	Haven House
11/25	East	Solar Circle - Tanzania
12/2	West	Christ House
12/9	East	Macheo Kenya
12/16	West	Mana Community Meal
12/23	East	Miaka Orphans (Grand mothers program)
12/30	West	St. Martin Depois Belize
1/6	East	Catholic Medical Mission Board - Central Africa
1/13	West	Pan y Amora
1/20	East	Ishamall Odimitten Foundations
1/27	West	Sisters of the Holy Cross - Brazil
2/3	East	Friends of Kenya Orphanage
2/10	West	Dominican Sisters - Jamaica
2/24	West	Hands Together Haiti

Lambi - fund take off. 68% goes to programs.