

**CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**OCTOBER 16, 2012**

PRESENT: Mary Artrip, Carol Chronicle, Donna DeFavero, Ralph & Diane Fernley, Mike Fodal, Maureen Hetu, Kay Kermode, Carole Krol, Maureen Marnon, Pam Shepley, Carol Smith, Rosemary Yokom, Kelli Yokom

EXCUSED: Annie Moore

Just before the meeting began, Donna D. introduced Kelli Yokom who is “previewing” the Commission. We are hoping she will join us as the Teen Representative.

The meeting opened at 7:03 PM with a prayer by Mary A. The September Minutes were approved with one correction: New Business, first line, change “Donna’s absence” to “Mike’s absence”.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Gleaners trip went well, with 13 volunteers participating. They, along with some others, packed **11,000 pounds of potatoes!** Egads! The next trip is scheduled for January 14<sup>th</sup>. Hope it’s not potatoes again!

The Towers Luncheon went well; the residents really appreciate what we provide for them. One “snafu”: while all the leaves were taken during the first week of placing them in the basket, we were very short of fruit plus a couple of other small items. It was suggested that perhaps next year, we could do an announcement at each Mass “from the altar” regarding the return of items. We will also add to our Bulletin article a brief statement that money could be donated if someone has trouble shopping and getting the items back to the kitchen on the Friday preceding the event. And we could also make MORE leaves with the fruit items on them.

Ralph F. spoke of the St. Dominic’s program. A priest would like to come to thank our parish personally, as well as say the weekend Masses, if it can be arranged. Or Sheron`, who is in charge of the Outreach program, could speak in gratitude for our help. Sheron` also told Ralph & Diane of a little 9-month-old child, Kyah, who has heart valve problems and asked for prayers for successful treatment.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

So far, we haven’t been able to gain any ideas for helping homeless vets. Carole K. will talk to Richard Schmidt, a parish member who works with the vets on a volunteer basis along with his wife.

Kay K. knows of a family who is in desperate need. It was decided we will make them our “Christmas Santa” project. Money can be placed in an envelope and given to Kay or left in her mail slot outside her office.

This Commission celebrates five years next month. Therefore, the November meeting will be a dinner get-together at House of Leon’s. We will meet at 6:00 PM on November 20<sup>th</sup>. We can conduct any necessary business at that time, and skip the December meeting.

The Ronald McDonald project will take place on December 17<sup>th</sup>. We will once again make up chicken pot pies in our kitchen and transport them downtown. With any amount of luck, the salad will not be forgotten! Mike F., Maureen H., Pam S., Tom P. will participate along with others. Carole K. will get a crew to put the food together and may go down to assist at the House.

#### UP-COMING PROJECTS/PLANS:

The Free Trade Coffee Sale is scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Donna will cover the 4:30 Mass; Maureen M. & Carole K. will do the 9:00; Kay K. will cover the 11:00. Other commission members will assist at whichever Mass they attend. If a cart becomes available, Mary A. will get it to use for the sale.

Gleaner's trip is scheduled for January 5<sup>th</sup>; other dates for 2013 are in place.

One the Rise Bakery will be here the weekend of January 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. We are eagerly waiting for them!

When we collect school supplies in July/August, we hope to use a "Bus" instead of a Learning Tree. We also will have some kind of signage, "Parking Garage", placed in the corner where we normally have the tree. The returned items can be placed in our "Garage".

Rosemary Y. brought up the Right To Life chain. Because of the GIFT program, we did not get much participation this year. Rosemary will look into other ways to support Right To Life, maybe joining with other groups collecting for a "Baby Shower". She would also like to look into the "Soles for Souls" project. We may want to get involved with that. Donna then asked Kelli if she liked our group and would be interested in joining. We hope she will!

Because we will have a Dinner Meeting in November, Carole K. will do the blessing before the meal. Ralph F. will do the closing prayer. For the January meeting, Mary A. will prepare the Opening Prayer; Mike F. will do the Closing Prayer.

All business having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM with a reading by Pam S.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Krol  
Recording Secretary