

CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 18, 2012

PRESENT: Mary Artrip, Ralph & Diane Fernley, Maureen Hetu, Kay Kermode, Carole Krol, Maureen Marnon, Pam Shepley, Carol Smith, Rosemary Yokom

EXCUSED: Carol Chronicle, Donna DelFavero, Mike Fodal, Annie Moore

Kay K. called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; all joined in the Our Father as an Opening Prayer. The July Minutes were approved as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Learning Tree went better than expected. Twenty boxes of supplies were collected. There was a nice article in the Livonia Observer in which St. Priscilla's efforts were noted. Kay also received a very nice Thank You letter from the person in charge. There was also a nice "pay-back" in the way of a little extra help to one of Maureen's clients seeking assistance from a city program.

The Teen BBQ for the Towers' residents could use just a tad more organizing. The residents were delighted with it all. But perhaps there could be more teens participating in the event, from planning to execution. We would be glad to assist Tim in the early planning with ideas.

Ronald McDonald House BBQ went well. Pam stated that fewer people came down at the dinner hour but the food was left for whenever they did get a break to have their dinner. Hot Dogs, hamburgers, potato & pasta salads were served along with Strawberry Shortcake prepared by Mike F. Next dinner provided will be December 17th.

NEW BUSINESS:

First item was tabled, (assisting homeless vets), due to Donna's absence.

Ralph F. spoke of the help given to St. Dominic's; especially the donations for the July outreach picnic they sponsor. Should we invite the pastor to speak at weekend Masses some time to let our parishioners know of their efforts? Ralph & Diane also spoke of St. Pat's and the meals they provide for the low-income seniors in the area. Maybe a group would like to help prepare and serve and clean up for a weekend meal. Ralph will get the contact info to Kay. Sr. Mary Watson was in charge until her retirement; she still keeps involved as much as possible.

There will be an Open House for the International Day of Peace on Sat., Sept. 22, 2012, from noon to 4:00 pm. at Bro. Al's new ministry. The address: 2599 Harvard, Berkley, MI 48072. This is such short notice that it is unlikely any from our Commission will be able to attend.

On the Rise Bakery: Sr. Elaine has not returned Donna's call as yet. Anxiously waiting!!

UP-COMING PROJECTS:

The next Gleaner's outing will be on October 6th. Volunteers are asked to call Connie Lark to sign up. Departure time is 8:00 am from parking lot.

The Towers Luncheon is scheduled for Oct. 13th. Carole K. to co-ordinate kitchen help. Ralph & Diane F will assist. Kay will be in charge of decorating; volunteers so far are: Mo, Rosemary and Connie. Fruit will be bagged by Carol S., Pam S., and Maureen M. Kay will order bags for the fruit.

Drivers will include: Ralph R. Donna D., Connie L, Mike F. Carole K. will ask Craig Nosel and Ralph Pauli if they can help with clean-up. The basket of leaves will be placed in the back of the church by Sept. 29th.

The Free Trade Coffee Sale will take place on Hospitality Weekend, Nov. 17th & 18th. Better signage is needed. Mary A. Will try to borrow a display cart.

Our Christmas project will be decided upon next meeting. Do we adopt a family? A group? "Mary's Children" in Clawson? (which would like gift cards to Costco, Gordon's etc.). Please come to the next meeting with more ideas.

NEXT MEETING:

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 16th. Mary A. will do the Opening Prayer; Pam S. will do the Closing Prayer.

All business having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm with a reading from Psalms 115 by Maureen H.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Krol
Recording Secretary