

CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION
JANUARY 17, 2012

PRESENT: Mary Artrip, Donna DeFavero, Mike Fodal, Kay Kermode, Carole Krol, Maureen Marnon, Pam Shepley, Carol Smith

EXCUSED: Ralph & Diane Fernley, Annie Moore

The meeting opened with a prayer by Kay K. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

OLD BUSINESS: Kay reported that the Work of Human Hands was not very productive this year; more had to be returned than before. Remarks from parishioners were not very positive. Many did not come to the tables. On the other hand, Bro. Al's sale went great. He brings a lot more now than he did in the beginning. Therefore, we may skip a year of doing Work of Human Hands and then look at a different date perhaps, away from the same weekend as Bro. Al's sale.

The adopt-a-family went well; Donna and Kay did the shopping with the \$485.00 which was collected. All members were in favor of doing this again next Christmas. \$100.00 of this money came from a parishioner who would like to assist on a monthly basis. Donna suggested that the money be given directly to the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Pam reported on the Ronald McDonald House dinner on Dec. 20th. It went very well although the volunteers at the House did not indicate to us that we should sit with the people served and have our dinner as well. Next time we will know! Pam has tentatively booked three dates for this year: 4/16, 8/20, and 12/17. Discussion followed on how to do this project when the kitchen is not available, nor some of the prep team. It was decided that a specific tri-fold board will be erected on Hospitality weekends, asking for volunteers for each date. Pam will also do an article for the bulletin when the time is right. A simple meal can be put together at the House as their kitchen is well equipped. Carole could probably do the shopping for the meals but will not always be able to participate in other ways.

The Gleaners trip was great! There were 16-18 people in our group, plus two other groups showed up to help. St. P. packed 700 boxes. WOW! The next trip is scheduled for April 7th.

NEW BUSINESS: A Vice-Chair is needed for this Commission. Pam Shepley will accept that position.

UP-COMING PROJECTS: On the Rise Bakery will be here on Feb. 18th and 19th. That went so well last year; we will ask Sam to put up six tables. Commission members are asked to assist in the hall following the Mass they attend. Some members will help after two or three Masses as they enjoy this particular sale!

The Military Tree will be put up Feb. 17th. Tags will be hung on the tree Saturday, 2/18 at 10:00 a.m. The tree will be up for three weeks. We will pack the boxes on 3/10. The Learning Tree is scheduled to be put up July 20th, running for three weekends also. The Spring Luncheon for our neighbors at the Towers and Ziegler Place will be discussed at the February meeting. The teen group will be once again doing a barbeque for these same neighbors on August 18th. We will assist as needed.

The next meeting will be TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012, AT 7:00 P.M. Maureen M. will do the Opening Prayer; Mike F. will be responsible for the Closing Prayer.

All business having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Krol
Recording Secretary