

St. Mary Parish, Milton
Interfaith Community Outreach

January 13, 2020

Present: Marci Brandt, Sabrina Elsen, Vicki Kersten, Steve Vicenzi
Excused: Linda Groeschl, Emily Riesterer, Teresa Riesterer, Mike Sessler, Gail Slepekis,
Rick Tomten, Mark Warren

- I. **Prayer:** The meeting opened at 5:07 p.m. with prayer.
- II. **Minutes:** The minutes of the November 11, 2019 meeting were approved as written.
- III. **Reports:**
 - a. **Senior Stock Box:** Next distribution date is January 23. Vicki will contact Rick to see if he is available to pick-up boxes from Echo.
 - b. **Milton Food Pantry:** Gail emailed the following report: "The Milton Food Pantry received an excellent response in both food and monetary donations in November & December. The Whitewater Drive resulted in just short of 1,300 pounds of food. With all the other food donations received, we have been able to go weeks with very little shopping needed. We served 108 Christmas meals. Carol Hulbert has retired after 30 years at the Food Pantry. We are having a retirement Open House for Carol & Jerry on January 26 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Food Pantry."
 - c. **GIFTS Shelter:** We are co-hosting the GIFTS Men's Shelter with CrossPointe the week of June 21-27. Numbers at the Shelter are down a little, for various reasons, but those new guests arriving are trending toward younger men. GIFTS will open a retail location soon at the former bowling alley on Blackbridge Road. They will sell the overstock of donations received.
 - d. **MAYC** – A good number of students continue to attend daily. There are new members on the board who are very active in the community and continue to move MAYC forward.
- IV. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Support/Assistance:** The Outreach Volunteer Opportunity form will be placed in the bulletin beginning this weekend. Then we will move forward depending on the response.
- V. **New Business:**
 - a. **WRTL:** Mary Elbert requested members of the Outreach Commission to assist with collecting donations after Mass this weekend for the WRTL billboard now on display on Milton Avenue in Janesville.

- b. Memory Café:** Tomorrow, Marci and Vicki will meet with Barb Braun from the Methodist church to discuss starting a Memory Café in Milton. This is a once a month outing for people suffering from early dementia and their caregiver.

VI. Next Meeting and Adjourn

The next meeting is February 10 at 5:00 p.m.

Chair: Steve Vicenzi

Prayer: Marci Brandt

The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.