

**St. Mary Parish, Milton**  
**Interfaith Community Outreach**

**June 8, 2020**

Present: Marci Brandt, Sabrina Elsen, Linda Groeschl, Vicki Kersten, Gail Slepekis, Rick Tomten, Mark Warren  
Excused: Emily Riesterer, Teresa Riesterer, Steve Vicenzi, Fr. David Wanish

- I. **Prayer:** The meeting opened at 5:00 p.m. with prayer led by Rick.
- II. **Minutes:** The minutes of the March 9, 2020 meeting were approved as written.
- III. **Reports:**
  - a. **Senior Stock Box:** Next distribution date is June 25.
  - b. **Dismas:** Visits and meetings have been cancelled until further notice due to pandemic.
  - c. **Milton Food Pantry:** Gail reported they have only a few volunteers working inside. In July they will allow 1 family member to come inside with a maximum of 2 people – 1 per family inside. They are giving out Pig cards and each family is given a choice of meat and Second Harvest items. The kids program is set up so that each child receives a pre-made bag. Surprisingly, they have not had a big increase in the number of families in need during the pandemic.
  - d. **GIFTS Shelter:** See below.
  - e. **MAYC:** Per the Courier, they will begin opening next week.
- IV. **New Business:**
  - a. **GIFTS:** We are scheduled to host June 21-27. Mark has reached out to CrossPointe and once the Sign-Up Genius is created, it will be forwarded for them to share. However, their Milton Campus is currently closed so not sure what the response will be. The Shelter is allowing up to 4 volunteers to serve dinner and overnight chaperones. There are currently 30 men in residence. Mark is not available to help June 25-28, so if anyone can assist in the mornings, it would be appreciated.
  - b. **MOME:** Their new location next to the fire department is currently rent free, but they still have monthly bills – utilities, etc. JoLynn the director is setting up a GoFundMe page for assistance. They have not been open since February.
  - c. **Love Begins Here:** The pandemic has changed the dynamic of the event this year, and Sabrina has opted out of participating. Instead she is arranging with individual homeowners in the area and our cemetery caretaker for volunteers to work. If you know anyone in need of outside work, please let Sabrina know. Gail mentioned that the Food Pantry needs some door frames painted and help with their exterior gardens.

**V. Next Meeting and Adjourn**

The next meeting is TBD. Staff will contact members via email.

Chair:

Prayer:

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.