

Saint Mary Parish, Milton

Interfaith Community Outreach

November 13, 2017

Present: Marci Brandt, Vicki Kersten, Steve Vicenzi, Mark Warren
Excused: Sabrina Elsen, Sheila Evanoff (CrossPointe), Linda Groeschl, Jeff Neblock (CrossPointe), Jessica Schafer-Locher, Jacquelyn Schuh, Mike Sessler, Gail Slepekis, Rick Tomten, Mike Tracey,

- I. **Prayer:** The meeting opened at 7:06 p.m. with prayer.
- II. **Minutes:** The minutes of the October 9, 2017 meeting were approved as written.
- III. **Reports:**
 - A. Senior Stockbox –The next distribution date is one week sooner, on Thursday, November 16, due to Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday. Rick will pick-up boxes from Echo and bring to St. Mary. We currently have 8 recipients.
 - B. Dismas – St. Monica’s Circle donated \$100. Dismas is currently working with 14 people in various stages of incarceration.
 - C. Food Pantry – Gail wasn’t able to attend tonight, but reported that there are 108 people signed up to receive Thanksgiving meals. The Food Pantry is still accepting families for Christmas baskets until November 15. FFA will again provide the food for the Thanksgiving baskets. The library is collecting winter outer clothing that will be available for families to take.
 - D. GIFTS –Should be completely moved in to the new facility by next week. They will be able to hold 45 men overnight, but until they work out all the issues, they will continue accepting only 25 for a while.
 - E. MAYC – As Marci reported previously, they are now accepting 6th graders. There are concerns about financing. Prior to the Stair golf fundraiser, they operated month-to-month. At this time they have funds to operate through the end of the year, but not sure what will happen next year. An average of 15-20 students attend per day. Mentors are still needed.
- IV. **Old Business**
 - A. **Freedom Fest 2018:** Convoy of Hope, a faith-based, non-profit based out of Springfield, MO has partnered with New Life Church to provide the services similar to previous Freedom Fest years, but on a much larger scale. Funds will need to be raised to pay Convoy of Hope their \$15K fee (includes shipping, food, etc). 800-1,000 volunteers are estimated to be needed. More information will be available in the coming months as the leadership team is put together.
- V. **New Business**
 - A. **Rock Haven Nursing Home:** St. Mary, Milton has a group of ladies that go to Rock Haven once a month on a Wednesday to provide bingo for residents. According to the activities director, St. William Parish, Janesville, provides bingo on one other Wednesday each month. Rock Haven is looking for churches/organizations to provide bingo for the other two Wednesdays of the

month or other activities. They have a canteen where donated items are available for residents to purchase items using their bingo winnings. Additional donations are requested. Next weekend, St. Mary will have its Giving Tree available. Hanging on this tree will be an envelope for each resident with suggested gifts. This giving opportunity is something that St. Mary has provided for many years.

- B. Milton Non-Profit Summit:** At the end of November, the City of Milton is holding a non-profit summit. The purpose is for each non-profit to share their mission, accomplishments, volunteers that are needed, etc. Fr. Dave and Vicki will attend to represent St. Mary.
- C. What's Next for Our Outreach Commission:** At the December meeting, each member of the Outreach Commission should bring ideas on 1-2 events to hold between January and May, 2018. Perhaps a community repair day where a group of volunteers get together one day and go out into the community to do repairs that have been requested ahead of time. Or maybe we focus on another non-profit – MAYC, Dismas, Rock Haven, etc - where we support that non-profit for a day with donations, helping with repairs, etc. TO BE SUCCESSFUL, EVERYONE NEEDS TO HELP WITH IDEAS!!

VI. Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting will be held on December 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Task assignments:

Chair:	Marci Brandt
Prayer:	Steve Vicenzi

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.