

Mission Outreach Committee Meeting Notes

January 13, 2015

Attendees: Joan Alexander, Fr. Tom Brenberger, Beck Fullenkamp, Jeanna Heitkamp, Mitch Michalak, Dcn. Clif Perryman, and Beck Thobe

Unable to Attend: Carol Hartings, Lynn Hemmelgarn, Carolyn Homan, Ben Huelskamp, Alice Kaiser, Katy & Nate Kirwen, Linda Moeller, and Dave Wolters

- Welcome, Opening Prayer (Clif)
- Minster-Egypt St. Augustine/St. Joseph Mission Commission Representatives Betty Geake and Dorothy Slammers spoke about their efforts to raise and redistribute funds for area needs. Their commission currently has over 100 members.
 - Fundraisers include a 2 ½ day annual garage sale (~\$9-10,000), Wine Tasting Evening (~\$4,000), Christmas Card/Ornament/Stationary making and sale (~\$6,000).
 - The Commission sends letters of request to area organizations such as the Eagles for donations.
 - Parish Cluster Tithing of 1% of weekly unspecified collections has been provided to them for distribution for area needs for the past 25 years until recently when the Commission recommended it be discontinued due to their income capabilities.
 - Dcn. Clif has sent a formal request to Fr. Gene regarding this initiative
 - All income generating activity from projects is disbursed to predetermined area needs the month following its receipt. Income and distribution of donations is regularly published in the bulletin.
 - The committee is actively being established as an independent non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.
 - Dcn. Clif contacted Business Manager Leslie Tyler and received more details
 - Leslie's Email follows these notes
 - Dcn. Clif has forwarded Leslie's email asking for a recommendation from MCC Business Managers
 - Very little is donated outside of Auglaize/Mercer Counties.
 - One annual activity is a Soup & Bread lunch that includes a guest speaker.
 - The commission meets monthly except January and May with 30 – 40 representatives in attendance with sub-committee report outs.
 - The President is elected for a 2-year term succeeded by a Vice President.
 - It was noted that St. Augustine/St. Joseph parishes do not have a men's or lady's sodality.
 - Also mentioned was a new initiative we might want to consider called "Change for Change" that was sponsored by a number of parishioners independent of this Commission.
- Feeding Ministries
 - C.A.L.L. Café Feeding Ministry Update (Beck Fullenkamp)
 - A schedule of alternating month commitment dates was submitted with the next event slated for February 17th.
 - Discussion regarding menu for this event was deferred to a smaller group of active participants.
 - No deserts will be requested for this meal due to a plan to make peach cobbler from donated canned peaches.
 - R.O.C. Feeding Ministry Update (Mitch Michalak)
 - The next monthly event was held January 18th and will continue on the 3rd Sunday thru April.
 - Two observations were noted: 1st that the team should gather to pray as they begin preparing/serving the meal, 2nd that there should be an effort to socialize/engage with those being served.
- N.E.S.T. Update (Lynn Hemmelgarn)
 - There are 124 students being sponsored in Novion, Haiti primarily from our Cluster. Thanks to the generosity of our community, \$32,000 is flowing to Haiti.

- St. Vincent De Paul Clothing Drive
 - It was noted that the clothing drive is independently managed and does not require participation from the MOC.
 - It was recommended that should we establish a garage sale that unsold items would be donated to this organization.
- Jason Muhlenkamp and the Glenmary Missioners
 - Clif received feedback from Jason, but we would like to understand the joint responsibility going forward. **Clif is to contact Jason to discuss his expectations and ours further.**
- Next Steps
 - Dorothy Lammers to send Dcn. Clif a sample letter to request donations. **Dcn. Clif will pursue sending letters** to the following organizations: Minster Eagles, MCC Cluster Men's and Lady's Sodalties, Nights of St. John, and The Loretta Herkenoff Charitable Trust.
 - It was suggested that we publish a list of ministries available for parishioners to participate in the bulletin and/or on our website. **Dcn. Clif to look into this.**
 - Garage Sale
 - Discussed establishing an event in August around the "127 Garage Sales" and hold it at the CFL in Cassella. Beck Thobe to initiate discussion with CFL at their upcoming meeting asking for their consideration and support for this initiative.
 - Craft Beer and Wine Tasting Event
 - Discussed the possibility of establishing an annual event in September supported by the new Moeller Brewing
 - **All to Consider a Name Change for the MOC**
 - It was recommended that parishioners may think all of our efforts are directed outside of our area. A name change could help correct this misconception. Fr. Tom suggested Charitable Concerns Committee. Please submit your recommendations to Dcn. Clif as soon as possible.
 - Annual Raffle Ticket Sales
 - Some thought that this fundraiser had run its course. However, it is coming up soon, so we will likely continue it for one more year. The new committee name needs to appear on these tickets.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 7:30pm at St. Rose Rectory Office

Hi Deacon Clif,

I received your voice mail and wanted to reach out quickly today to let you know that we did segregate the Mission Commission from the Church Checking account as recommended by the Archdiocese. To date, we have segregated the accounts financially and are still working on setting the Mission Commission up with their own EIN number and getting them set up with their 501(3)c status. Pat Butler is handling the EIN and 501(3)c portion of the project, which was put on hold temporarily for various reasons. We are hopeful this project will be complete before the end of the fiscal year. I do not work Tuesday but feel free to call me Wednesday if you would like some additional details. I do not know all the steps involved in setting up the EIN or 501(3)c but I hear it's a relatively easy process.

Leslie Tyler

Business Manager

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