

# Serving Our Neighbors Ministries Meeting Notes

July 7, 2015

Attendees: Joan Alexander, Fr. Tom Brenberger, Beck Fullenkamp, Jeanna Heitkamp, Lynn Hemmelgarn, Ben Huelskamp, Alice Kaiser, Mitch Michalak, Dcn. Clif Perryman, Tony Prenger, and Beck Thobe

Guest: Brother Jason Muhlenkamp

Unable to Attend: Carol Hartings, Carolyn Homan, Linda Moeller, and Dave Wolters

- Welcome, Opening Prayer (Dcn. Clif)
- Jason Muhlenkamp shared the following regarding his new assignment:
  - He was very thankful of the support he has received thus far from the MCC
  - He took his final oath as a Brother on May 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Will be in Blakely, GA for 1 – 3 years assisting the pastor of two churches covering 6 counties.
  - The area includes an immigration retention center and is largely unchurched with only 10 – 25 people attending Mass.
  - He may begin his ministry in Catechetical and Youth Ministry
  - How can we help?
    - Prayer and funding for outreach and evangelization
  - He will keep us posted on his activities and needs
- Checking Account Balances were reported to be \$5,000 in the raffle account and \$1,142.99 from other donations including two from area associations responding to our letter of request. This \$6,142.99 is in addition to the N.E.S.T. account.
- Feeding Ministries
  - R.O.C. Feeding Ministry Update (Mitch Michalak)
    - Mitch noted that ROC has moved to a new location on the near SE end of St. Mary's
    - Next event is Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. An additional family is needed for this event
  - C.A.L.L. Café Feeding Ministry Update (Beck Fullenkamp)
    - 59 people served by 18 volunteers on June 16. The next event is October 20.
- N.E.S.T. Update (Lynn Hemmelgarn)
  - Lynn shared input from Linda Thieman following her visit to Novion and email communications from Fr. Jacquelin communicating the positive things that are happening there, which clarified any concerns we had previously.
  - Lynn reinforced that 75% of the educational experience and approximately ½ of the students in Novion are served by MCC donations. This money supports 16 teachers and 185 students.
  - Lynn received letters from 53 of the sponsored students. Ben Huelskamp offered his wife's assistance to verify some of the translations provided by an assistant to Fr. Jacquelin.
  - It was noted that donors want more regular updated information about their sponsored students.
    - **Lynn agreed to communicate this expectation to Fr. Jacquelin's replacement after he takes over in August.**
  - **Dcn. Clif agreed to work with Paul Gagel regarding donors who have provided six years of payment up front.** This would include \$3,680 from St. Augustine, Minster.
  - **Clif will verify with Sharon regarding having a check issued for Fr. Jacquelin by mid-July.**
  - Mitch recommended again that a paid liaison be put in place in Novion.
    - This idea needs more discussion.
  - The group decided not to have a renewed sign up initiative this summer deferring to next year when the 6-year commitment of many existing donors ends.
- Fundraisers
  - Garage Sale August 6 – 8 from 8a – 6pm at CFL Hall, Cassella

- Signage & Communications Committee (Beck Thobe, Tony Prenger, & Dcn. Clif)
  - \* 4' x 4' signs will be positioned on SR 127 N and S of the SR 119 intersection
  - \* It was recommended that small leading signs could be positioned upstream of the big sign
  - \* Throughout the meeting other signage was noted for use the days of the sale at the CFL
  - \* **Clif to get make sure that MCC bulletin announcements be posted by area churches**
- Sorting and Pricing Committee (OPEN Chair)
  - Mitch indicated she will attempt to lead this segment with help from others.
  - Donation drop off at the Nativity Rectory Garage will be from Saturday, July 11 – Sunday, July 26 from 8am – 8pm
    - ✓ Dave Berning has agreed to unlock and lock the garage
    - ✓ Garage was cleaned and tables are in place
  - \* Mitch is setting up sorting criteria and a volunteer worksheet, which Dcn. Clif will assist in getting live on the website. **Janie Luebke agreed to assist in the sorting criteria.**
  - \* Sorting will likely be with 6 people per shift starting the week of July 26 or sooner depending on volume and timing of donations.
  - \* **Mitch will confirm that St. Vincent de Paul Society will take rejected clothing and houseware items.**
- Event Sales Committee (Beck Fullenkamp)
  - \* **Mitch agreed to purchase 100 bottles of water for the event (more later if needed), bring coolers, and provide donated ice.**
  - \* All agreed that an associated bake sale is a good idea. **Beck will create a bulletin announcement asking for baked goods donations** (cookies in doz. bags, zucchini bread, homemade noodles, angel food cake, rice crispy treats, homemade breads, etc. No sweets that would melt in warm & humid conditions)
  - \* **Tony agreed to follow up on getting clothes racks for hanging sale items.**
  - \* **Dcn. Clif agreed to check on liability insurance coverage for this event.**
- Post Event Clean Up and Disposal Committee (Ben Huelskamp)
  - \* St. Vincent de Paul trailer will be positioned next to Rectory by the end of the weekend.
- Craft Beer and Wine Tasting Event (Jeanna Heitkamp & Dcn. Clif)
  - Event being coordinated with Nick Moeller at the Moeller Brew Barn
  - Selected Saturday, **September 26 from 6 – 10pm**
  - Event will have live acoustic background music
    - \* Nick Pavelka (DJ) and Marie Daugherty (Guitar/Vocal)
  - Ticket Sales limited to 100 with the use of a tent over the patio
    - \* **Clif to contact Jesse Rose for donation of tent**
    - \* SON committee members and spouses will manage the event including tend bar
    - \* **All will provide heavy appetizers and desserts**
    - \* Agreed that committee & spouses working the event will not need to purchase tickets
    - \* Tickets will be given to the musicians and spouses at no charge, as well as, Frs. Gene and Tom
    - \* **Committee Members are to email Jeanna to reserve tickets for family and friends and notify what appetizer and desert they will bring by August 1.**
- Other Updates
  - Mitch shared that Kasey Schemmel (daughter of John and Rita of Osgood) is seriously considering a vocation, but needs to retire a \$89,000 debt prior to being joining an order.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 7:30pm at St. Rose Rectory Office**