

St. Boniface SVdP Meeting

Thursday, April 27, 2017

7PM

Attendance Kathy Boh, Karen Cable, David Crosby, Sue Crosby, Stephanie Heidemann, Gail and Rich Kelly, Jim Kuhn, Chuck Menke, Barb Luken, Casey Scullin

Opening Prayer

Spiritual Formation

- Talked about the spiritual foundation of SVDP and the role of prayer
 - Mentality at SVDP is we are here to serve friends and neighbors as opposed to a more professional role or approach
 - Hand in hand with the spiritual element, members need to and do become more mindful of how we render service
 - The greater the involvement of the Lord in our activities, the more our service reinforces our spiritual development and can be rendered through extemporaneous prayer
 - There are four steps in extemporaneous prayer – provided an overview of the steps and how to apply them-will discuss more in the future
 - When engaging in prayer related to SVDP activities, be sensitive to others beliefs and wishes
 - Prayer will become more integrated into our SVDP activities
 - Spiritual growth needs to be first priority to better enable the ability to provide service to others
 - Shared a story from an experience at a retreat where an individual left himself open to God in arriving at a decision

Approval of Minutes from February Meeting

- Minutes approved as submitted

Secretary's Report - Casey

- Thank you notes sent for January SVDP donations and to Mr. Bruckheimer for his donation in kind

Treasurer's Report / Investment Note with Archdiocese – Chuck

- Quicken has been added to computer for SVDP accounting
- Can use to print financial statements
- Balance \$12,221.60
- Balance will be spent down through the year

- How do we cap expenses – we may need to curtail some spending at the Free Store so we may have to curtail choices in the pantry
- Skally's – they are no longer open on Friday night to pick up bagels so pick up has become problematic
- Can't arrange an alternative so SVDP may have to purchase bread
- Can Bank Street help with bread and/or produce. Barb will check at the President Meeting
- Archdiocese note (corporate bonds managed by 5/3 Bank) – should we further invest in this rather than keeping it in a bank account; can earn interest – will move forward with making deposit to Note
- Money in envelope goes to SVDP while loose change goes to the church operating fund

New Business:

1. David-How are you?
 - Feeling better and is in therapy; passed driving test
2. SVDP Meetings/ Retreat
 - a. Financial Literacy (Money Matters)- 3/9 – a sheet for managing budget was distributed at this retreat; biggest expense is the water bill because it is quarterly Can make forms available at intake for
 - b. Vincentian Retreat – 3/25 – small group discussions and presentations to the larger group; a gentleman presented a story about making a decision to deliver food late one winter night – he asked for God's help and decided to make the delivery and positively impacted the life of a husband, father and family
 - c. Prayer and Home Visits –4/4 workshop on the 4 steps to follow when engaging home visit clients in prayer –question: should additional info relative to St Boniface also be taken for distribution – what about handouts for churches or other services in the neighborhood
1. Upcoming Presidents' Meeting – April 29 – Barb asked if anyone has questions for the workshop
2. Pantry
 - a. New workers: Michael and Gina Murphy – could work 4th weekend; Stephanie is also a new volunteer and is Virtus trained
 - b. Skally's – see notes above
 - c. Changes proposed for Thursday workers - Sue – 7 Thursday workers and David and Sue order, and do needs assessment prior to ordering; Jim and brother Mike pick up the food; Sherry, David and Sue help unload and set up; Rosemary and Paul do the bread – new proposal is to do the work every other week; will do an alternate weeks in the summer pantry
 - d. Pantry workers will need to replenish set up beginning the week of 5/27

- e. Memorial Day Weekend (Open/Close) will be closed, but open 4th of July and Labor Day
- f. Vacations and subs and St Ursula Girls – Gail, Rich and Jim are on vacation at the same time so need some coverage; Lydia can work through the summer and Paige will commute through the summer
- g. Thanks to workers for their generosity/ Secret Collection – in kind donations from pantry workers are being logged and will be on the quarterly report
- h. Still outstanding: Secretary's' protocol and Treasurer's report

Old Business:

- 1. Homework – protocols for Secretary and Treasure still outstanding
- 2. Phone/ Home Visits – Per Jim, St Boniface SVDP does not have a phone due to previous experience; when it was used, people rarely returned calls also the frequency of calls is not high; people can call the rectory but sometimes there is a disconnect in passing along the call from the rectory to the home visitors
- 3. Signers on checkbook and counting money from Fifth Sunday Collection (May 2/Tues) – Chuck can write the check, but cannot sign there appear to be enough signers right now
- 4. Thanks to Casey and Chuck for First Quarter Report
- 5. Fish Fry Fellowship – March attendance at Fish Fry was considered the March meeting
- 6. Roger Bacon and OLA give out an award for service – Gail Kelly to receive the award on Saturday, May 6, at Roger Bacon

Next meeting will be May 25 at 7:00PM