

ST. PAUL'S OUTREACH COMMITTEE ZOOM MEETING

Thursday, January 14, 2021

Cheyenne DeMulder was warmly welcomed as a third co-chair of the Outreach Committee with Tom and Charlotte. Cheyenne will act as liaison and advocate with youth and families thus strengthening Outreach ties with this group and visa versa.

Shop & Drop deliveries have been once a week with full carloads of non-perishable food. This month's driver is Wendy Munyon and February is Sue Fafara. **Future drivers are needed. Please contact Charlotte to sign up.**

Valerie reported - the Mwajuma/Jeacks are pandemic ok. Two are graduating in June-- Gertrude is graduating from Little Flower & applying to colleges; Jack is graduating from Holy Cross & has applied to Roman. The process for bringing the dad to USA continues.

Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner Drive – lead by Mike and Lisa Budd, 187 turkey meals were divided up and delivered to St Luke's Episcopal Church in Germantown, Face to Face and Southside Church Center in Germantown.

Walk of the Holy Family/Los Posadas was held Sat. Dec.12 at 4:30 pm. Weather was good, 150 participants, 5 organizing churches. It raised \$15,000 for Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network. Possibly an annual event.

Giving Tree 2020 total value of gifts was about \$2,000 to be shared between the three benefiting organizations. Thank you to Kara and Karen McShane who have agreed to head up the Giving Tree project beginning in 2021. Kara created the Signup Genius page in 2020 when the church closed for in person services due to the pandemic on Thanksgiving weekend.

FACE to FACE – Tom reported strong financial support throughout 2020. Have been feeding 180 a day in the parking lot, services are open indoors on a limited basis. Pre-K is at 1/2 capacity (ie. 10 students per classroom (3 classrooms) due to COVID restrictions. Coat donations have been coming in nicely. Annual Auction did not happen in 2020, however, committee is working on a possible June date ...TBA. Face to Face will gladly accept diabetes supplies offered by parishioner through Dan and will be delivered by Tom.

Cooking for Outreach – Caring for Friends – Karen has been cooking recently with Libba, Bob, and Marwan in the Affel's kitchen making soups and meals from donated ham. Freezer storage is at church in Hatboro until delivery to Caring for Friends. Karen would like to propose a meal project which would involve the entire parish. She will create the list of needed non-perishable goods to be delivered to a plastic bin (totally separately from Shop & Drop) inside the Rectory back door on Tuesday-Friday.

Rise Against Hunger/January 2021 - no event January 2021. A donation of \$3,400 was made in 2020 in support of their work. It is hoped this event will back on the calendar in Jan. 2022.

UPDATED (as of 1/14/21) The Mission Statement:

The Outreach Committee is organized as a functioning part of the pastoral care/mission ministries of the church. The mission focus of this committee is currently hunger and housing. St. Paul's will cooperate with other agencies, religious or secular, who are dedicated to the relief of hunger and homelessness, insofar as such cooperation does not violate the Christian ethic and policy of this church.

(added) A current goal is to find ways to create service opportunities for a broad range of generational participation at St. Paul's.

Discussion and approval of **2021 Grant allocations** to 12 organizations totaling \$22,000. Charlotte will advise office to send out checks per approved amounts. Holding in reserve \$1,500 each for ECS and a matching grant for a probable youth project (yet to be determined).

New Business

Standing Rock Reservation in N.D. has been in touch with Dan requesting help providing language aid supplies. "Connections to the past are being severed as the coronavirus tears through the ranks of Native American elders, inflicting an incalculable toll on bonds of language and tradition that flow from older generations to the young." (This may be a youth fundraising project, possibly including the entire parish.)

Review of committee activities in 2020:

RISE AGAINST HUNGER 2020 (prepared 10,000 dry meals in January before COVID)

2020 GRANT DISTRIBUTION – used proceeds from Sept. Rummage Sale (April distribution)

TURKEY DINNER DRIVE – held Thanksgiving weekend

GIVING TREE (gifts to Whosoever Gospel Mission, PIHN and ECS) collected between Thanksgiving and Christmas

COOKING FOR OUTREACH/Caring for Friends. Karen and her team cooked when possible during pandemic.

SHOP & DROP – ongoing food collection for St. Luke's food bank (started April 2020)

FACE TO FACE - COAT DRIVE and continued service by parishioner volunteers

WHOSOEVER GOSPEL MISSION – volunteers served dinner on their campus in March, Easter bags and Christmas bags (youth group) were made up for the 55 resident men.

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