

Corpus Christian Service Commission  
Minutes of Meeting, January 13, 2021  
School Classroom, 6:30 p.m.

**Members present:** Mary Ann Benjamin, Sue Dieter, Mary Jo Meissner, Guin Petrimoulx, Jim Wisneski, Judy Wisniewski, Lynda Witbrodt. **Excused:** Ruth Luptowski, Jan Slezak **Staff:** Sr. Joann Plumpe. **Guest:** Sue Kirchman, Volunteer, Bay Area Women's Center.

**Handouts:** Agenda for Meeting; Christian Service Commission Minutes, November 2020; Giving Tree Report; Christian Service Meeting Dates 2020-2021.

**Introductions.** Guest speaker, Sue Kirchman, Volunteer, Bay Area Women' Center. Sue Dieter, new CSC member and other attending members each told a little about each themselves.

**Prayers were requested for** Ruth Luptowski and Tim Slezak. **Opening Prayer.** Judy Wisniewski

**Approval of November 2020 Minutes.** Minutes were accepted as written.

- **Bay Area Women's Center.** Sue Kirchman brought three handouts about the women's center for each member. The center first opened in an eastside home in 1975 and in 2000, with a donation from the Wirt family, built their new facility off Midland Road. They deal with domestic violence and sexual assault. They can accommodate 32 residents (men, women and children). They are financed by grants, three annual fund raisers and generous community support. Average stay for each person/family is 1 to 2 months. In 2020, they accommodated 113 adults and 124 children. Among "many" other things, they also provide "prevention education" in the schools.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.** Judy presented the activity report for the first quarter of their fiscal year (Oct. – Dec., 2020) for Jan. **Volunteer hours**, 264; **food requests**, 119 (108 pickups; 5 delivery; 6 no shows. **Clients served:** 350 (Adults, 225; Children, 125; **new clients**, 7). **Value of food given**, \$13,055; **vouchers given**, 112, value, \$1,445.
- **Good Samaritan Rescue Mission.** Mary Ann reported that all meetings have been cancelled due to COVID; Youth Shelter is not opened yet; only new items are being accepted at the present time; all donations (supplies & money) are down
- **2020 Giving Tree Update.** Two gifts each (approx. \$25 per gift) for 95 children were provided for the Christmas Kindness program in Gladwin; gifts were also provided for three local families (\$300 -\$400 each family); remainder of donations was split between St. Vincent DePaul Store, our food pantry and Christmas Kindness (\$1,506 each).
- **Helen Nickless Volunteer Medical Center.** Judy reported that the program will need a new chairperson. She will set up dates again for March, August and October, 2021, and working with Jan, will see that the March meal is taken care of. Volunteers to take the program forward from there are needed.
- **Bunny Hugs.** Tentative dates: Feb 27-Mar 14; letter to parishioners, Feb. 19; how to collect items, not decided.
- **Correspondence.** Thank you notes from Helen Nickless Volunteer Medical Center for meals provided and St. Vincent DePaul Store for money donation.
- **Other.** Suggestions for new members (would like another man!); change of meeting day/time (no decision made).

**Next meeting is set for Wednesday, February 10, 6:30 p.m. in the school classroom.** Jan Slezak will provide prayer and report to Parish Council.

**Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Jim Wisneski reported to Parish Council.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Wisniewski, Secretary