

Minutes of Christian Services Commission – Monday, February 5, 2018

Meeting at St. John the Evangelist in Agawam, MA @ 6:30PM

In attendance: Deacon Dave, Andreana, Stanley, Cecile, Gary & Ginny

Absent: Pat

**Opening Prayer:** Gary 6:30pm

**Czarina of Communications: Ginny Stempel**

Dave explained that Ginny would be responsible for communications, both internally and externally. This means that Ginny will be not only taking the minutes of the meeting but will also submit to the bulletin and look for opportunities to communicate externally. For instance she will be speaking with Sharron Roulier to invite she and her staff to the Baby Shower.

**Right to Live/Baby Shower - Andreana**

Andreana spoke to a woman from Clearway Clinic, a pregnancy crisis center providing pregnant women help to choose life and they are moving to Springfield in the very near future. The date of 4/29/18 is being considered to have a shower to benefit Clearway and Bethlehem House. The shower that was done 2 years ago went very well and the hope is to replicate it. There would be tables for each organization for their information. Word is going out to all the ministries, including ours, to have a raffle basket for the shower at their next meeting. Ginny is contacting Real to Reel to see if the baby shower could be filmed. There will be more planning meetings after our 3/5 meeting. Getting kids in confirmation classes to help make the Mums for Moms. Will be presented to the Pastoral Council.

**Lent – Dave**

The parish share from Operation Rice Bowl has been about \$1000 and goes to Take and Eat. Dave will talk to the Pastoral Council about giving out the Rice Bowls on Ash Wednesday.

Andreana to talk to Father Pierz and Cecile to talk to Jack and Bert about serving simple meals before the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent. Gary will

look into getting short videos and Dave will talk to Dorothea about promoting this with flyers.

### **Giving Tree – Gary**

Dave, Gary and Barbara had a productive meeting. Ginny to do a blurb for the bulletin and send it to Gary for approval, thanking everyone who donated to the Giving Tree and looking for interested people to join the Giving Tree team.

### **Loaves and Fishes – Pat & Stanley**

Stanley and Pat have bought some items for Loaves and Fishes. Ginny to put a message in the bulletin looking for “all beef” hot dogs and #10 cans of baked beans. They use an average of 250 hot dogs each month.

### **Take and Eat – Cecile**

Zack Dion is recruiting for Take and Eat. He has been given a list of freshmen and sophomores at the high school to see if anyone would like to join. Cecile will look into incorporating the non all beef hot dogs into meals for Take and Eat.

During March and April, Jeff and Katie will switch and do the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Take and Eat and Cecile will do the 2<sup>nd</sup> week.

Defining & Identifying Leaders- Not discussed

**Closing Prayer:** Andreana 7:45pm

**Next Meeting: Monday, 3/5/18 at 6:30pm**

Respectfully Submitted by: Ginny Stempel