

**St. Katharine Drexel Parish Social Ministries Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, February 8, 2016**

Meeting opened by Eric Schulte filling in for Jan Feterl at 6:30 p.m. with prayer.  
Members present: Dave Lueth, Rick Fitzpatrick, Tammy Roth, Crystal Meek, Eric Schulte and Shirley Lueth

**Subcommittee Reports**

**Funeral Subcommittee**—Chairs not present; Shirley & Dave Lueth reported that there have been no funerals in recent months and no needs at this time.

**Prison Ministry Subcommittee**—Chair Eric Schulte reported the Man to Man program continuing. He is hoping to have the choir sing at a weekend prison Mass in the near future and will contact Jennifer.

**In-Home Ministry Subcommittee**—Chair not present; Dave Lueth reported there are currently four drivers available and only one client needing help with rides to medical appointments at this time.

**The Banquet Subcommittee**—Chair Rick Fitzpatrick reported that volunteers have been sufficient for our commitments. During the recent blizzard with no heat or light at the Nordstrom Building at the Fairgrounds (The Banquet West location), last minute volunteers showed up to fill in for those that could not make it and we served about 25 guests. Eric reported that a lease has been signed for an additional year for that site. The Board of Directors for The Banquet is continuing to work on plans for a permanent west side site.

**Food Pantry Subcommittee**—Chair Lori Gerads absent due to recent surgery. This subcommittee will need a new chair as the Gerads will be moving out of the area in the near future. Otherwise, our pantry is functioning well with donations and volunteers meeting demand.

**St. Francis House Subcommittee**—Chair not present; Eric reported there have been sufficient volunteers to meet our commitments.

**St. Vincent de Paul Subcommittee**—Chair not present; Dave Lueth reported that funds are sufficient. During our recent service week (every fourth week), seven families or individuals were assisted. More volunteers to train for and make these visits are always needed.

**Right to Life Subcommittee**—Chair Laurie Hemmer reported via e-mail that she and Mary Christensen recently attended an city-wide pro-life meeting and received much interest in the Spiritual Adoption Program. 40 Days for Life announcements have been put in the bulletin. A list of our parish's spiritually-adopted babies will soon be compiled and posted in the church entryway.

**Catholic Advocacy Network (CAN) Subcommittee**—Chair Laurie Hemmer reported via e-mail that e-mails have gone out regarding pending legislation. She would like to relinquish this chair. If anyone is interested in assuming this position, please let Jan know.

**Distribution of Charitable Funds Subcommittee**—Chair Crystal Meek recently took over this subcommittee and has plans to get together with Jan in the near future to determine duties and funds available.

**Habitat for Humanity Subcommittee**—Chair Dave Lueth reported there are currently no projects in the works for our parish.

**Advent Tree Subcommittee**—Chair not present; No report necessary at this time.

**Adoration Sisters at St. Joseph Cathedral Subcommittee**—Currently, no chairperson; This subcommittee is active in late July and the month of August to meet our yearly parish commitment to the Sisters. If anyone is interested in assuming this position, please let Jan know.

**Pantry for the Soul Subcommittee**—Currently no chairperson

Following subcommittee reports was a short discussion of the Parish Blood Drive. The date is set for Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Jan will send an email with more information on volunteer needs, etc., when details are obtained. This will be held in conjunction to a Youth Pancake Breakfast that morning.

Meeting ended with prayer at 7:30 p.m. Next meeting scheduled for Monday, March 14th at 6:30 p.m.

Shirley Lueth, Secretary