

**St. Katharine Drexel Parish Social Ministries Committee**  
**Monday, July 11, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Chair Jan Feterl opened the meeting with prayer at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Crystal Meek, Mary Christensen, Gloria Paulin, Michael Marcell, Mary Lingberg, Jan Feterl

**Subcommittee reports:**

Funeral Subcommittee—reported no recent funerals in our parish

Prison Ministries Subcommittee—Jan reported for Chair Eric Schulte that there are still three parishioners involved in the Man to Man (M2) program. Eric is eager to expand the program in our parish. More volunteers would be welcomed.

In-Home Ministries Subcommittee—Chair Gloria Paulin reported only one parishioner was aided with rides in the past two months for a total of 186 miles driven. This amazing committee is always open to helping more individuals and we are encouraged to help spread the word of their services.

Food Pantry Subcommittee—seeking new chair; If interested, please contact Jan.

The Banquet Subcommittee—Chair Rick Fitzpatrick reported via e-mail that we are serving breakfast at The Banquet this Thursday morning. All volunteer spots have been filled.

St. Francis House Subcommittee—Chair Jan Feterl reported that volunteers have been sufficient for these commitments also. Gloria reported that their annual fund raiser is set for Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. It would be nice to get a group from our parish to reserve a table of 8 or 10. Please check your calendars and we will revisit this idea at our August meeting.

St Vincent de Paul Subcommittee—No report this month

Distribution of SKD Charitable Funds Subcommittee—Distributions were sent in June. A personal note was sent with each donation, explaining where the funds come from and why the organization was selected. Jan received a warm response from Harmony SD who stated that the gift arrived at a time when they were in great need. God (and possibly through the intercession of St. Katharine Drexel) truly directed this gift and its timing!

Right to Life Subcommittee—Chair Mary Christensen reported it has been a quiet month.

Catholic Advocacy Network (CAN) Subcommittee—seeking new chair; They are hoping to provide education on the Pay Day Loan ballot initiative.

Habitat for Humanity Subcommittee—no report

Advent Giving Tree Subcommittee—Mary reported that she is already organizing her materials and will be very prepared for this endeavor during the month of December. She shared a recent note of appreciation she received.

Perpetual Adoration Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament Subcommittee—August is our month to provide for the Sisters. Susan Runge will lead this effort. Please watch for more details in the bulletin.

Following subcommittee reports, the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy special projects were discussed. It was determined that we would pursue the following options:

- July: Bishop Dudley Hospitality House Volunteering—Jan will check into opportunities. Be watching for follow-up.
- August: Collection for the Perpetual Adoration Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament (Susan Runge chairing)
- September: Veterans Outreach – Stand Down – Thursday, September 22nd (set up help needed) and Friday, September 23rd. We **NEED A CHAIR** to coordinate this. Crystal Meek is willing to co-chair with someone.
- **October: Collection for Marty Mission (this was deferred from our original plan to do this in June). Jan will co-chair. We need someone to co-chair with her.**

Other ideas:

- Feeding SD—Michael will check into opportunities and report back
- Nursing Home Visits—Gloria will check with office for more information and report back.

November – What can we do for a grand wrap-up to the Year of Mercy? Please pray over this and send an e-mail to Jan with ideas. We will revisit these projects at our August meeting.

Jan encouraged all in attendance to try to spend some time reading from the book Beautiful Mercy (which was distributed to all parishioners at Easter). It is a beautiful reflection on what we as a committee are doing. It is an “easy read” that you can spread out over several weeks.

As there was no recent Parish Council Meeting, Jan had nothing new to report.

Adjourned with prayer at 7:28 p.m.

Next meeting will be Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by Jan Feterl