

Minutes of the Outreach Commission Meeting

October 13, 2009

Members Present: Lisa Sailor, Jay Madden, Mary Byrd, Tali Arnold, Carrie-Ann Lue Sue, Amy Juhas.

Members Absent: Henry Eshom, Marie Grimes.

I. Outreach Commission Meeting

- a. **Approval of the Minutes of the September 8, 2009 Meeting** – The minutes were approved as written. Carrie-Ann pointed out that she did, in fact, talk with Michael Cacciotti about the Resource Fair, and he confirmed that the City of South Pasadena did not have extensive services in place for responding to the economic crisis, but that the Senior Center would be good to have representatives at the Fair.
- b. **Report from the Pastoral Council** – Amy reported that the Strategic Planning Committee continues to work on the goal areas for the Strategic Plan. We will follow up on the Social Justice areas soon.
- c. **Staff Report and Upcoming Events** – Carrie-Ann reported that September was a record-breaking month for the Giving Bank, serving 293 families on September 28. She anticipates serving 500 families at the Thanksgiving distribution. Flu shots will be offered on two distribution Mondays in November.

The Crop Walk is coming up on October 18. Carrie-Ann will be participating and raising money for the event. Holy Family's Giving Bank is a beneficiary of the event.

Due to the effects of the economy, we will be sponsoring 50 Adopt-A-Families this Christmastime, including 40 from Dolores Mission and 10 from Homeboy Industries. Carrie-Ann will suggest that ministries or small groups can adopt families, as well as individual families. It is typically suggested that each person in an adopted family receive gifts valued at \$30 - \$50, but due to the economic stress it is just asked that each person received gifts of equal value to one another.

The "Get on the Bus" program, an extension of the Detention Ministry, will be partnering with St. Philip the Apostle parish to co-sponsor a bus that will take children to visit their imprisoned parents either the Friday or Saturday of Mother's Day weekend next year. Kelly Garrison will be the lead co-coordinator from Holy Family, and Veronica Boone will co-coordinate from St. Philip. They will attend a training session, then return to the parishes to recruit volunteers, assign tasks, etc. They anticipate working with 52 children on the bus.

October is Respect Life month, and the parish is hosting a range of activities and events. These include a prayer meeting and speaker sessions. In addition, a "Caring with Faith" workshop will be held on November 11 in the Parish Hall.

The Economic Support Group has ended. They conducted 19 sessions in total, and attendee numbers dwindled toward the end. Cambria has compiled a list of licensed therapists to use for making referrals for parishioners who may need therapy; the list will include areas of specialization and costs, etc. She will also work on compiling a list of area social service agencies. Ministry heads on staff will be able to use the list to make referrals as necessary.

- d. **Ministry Updates** – Pastoral Care will be hosting the "Caring with Faith" workshop on November 11, and will also feature an "Aging Gracefully" workshop in January 2010.

The Detention Ministry and the Get on the Bus program will have tables at the Ministry Fair on November 1. They have recently welcomed a number of new volunteers to the program and the transition is going well.

- e. **Ministry Fair Planning** – The Ministry Fair will be held on Sunday, November 1 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Ministries will be able to set up beginning at 8:00 a.m. that morning. We passed around a signup sheet so that everyone can play a role in the event. We will have donuts and coffee available, since no ministry has adopted the Continental Breakfast for that morning. We will also play the ministry video from the ministry dinner in the background. Lisa will begin to contact ministry leaders soon to confirm participation and details with each. Ministry liaisons should also follow up with their ministry leaders.

- f. **Giving Bank brainstorming session** – Amy spoke with Jane Argento and she is not able to continue chairing the Giving Bank subcommittee. We discussed potential chairs for this subcommittee and decided that Carrie-Ann will ask some of her primary GB volunteers (Jorge, Janine, etc.) to see if they are interested and willing. Amy will contact Dawn Ponnet about the possibility of making a “Community Services” video to be used for promotion and awareness-raising opportunities.

We also discussed the possibility of “in honor of” cards for donations in place of gifts (for birthdays, holidays, corporate giving, etc.). Carrie-Ann will investigate what the church is presently doing and we will follow up on this at our next meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 10, 2009