

HOLY FAMILY GOOD NEIGHBOR PROJECT MINUTES – February 13, 2018

Members Present: Claire Robinson, Patty Miller, Gail Hedges, Nancy McWilliams, Janice Rupp, Deborah Johnson, Elaine Meyer

Meeting Opened: Group Prayer

Financials: Good Neighbor currently has around \$8,000. Of that amount \$1,499.25 was from the Souper Bowl of Caring, we also received a \$300 anonymous donation. We are continuing to get many calls for utility assistance. Claire will be interviewing those in need to see where we can help.

Fundraisers: Our next fundraiser is our Mother's Day Flower Sale. Flower sale last year netted about \$1,600. Discussion on whether to make the paper flowers again or to get real flowers to sell. It was decided to get real carnations for Mother's Day weekend, May 12-13, to sell at all Masses. We will also sell these for those who would like to purchase one in memory of their mother/grandmother who is deceased. Plan is to put those flowers in a vase at the altar in conjunction with the Mass. Will be discussing this at our next meeting and talking with Fr. Mike about it. Janice will check with Cheryl Buckman about getting flowers from Baisch & Skinner in Quincy. We use Baisch & Skinner for our Easter/Christmas flowers and we have to have a resale number to make the purchase.

Other Business: Claire and Gail attended the Tri-County Alliance for Unmet Needs Meeting. More churches have recently joined Tri-County Alliance. New churches include: Antioch Baptist, First Christian in New London, First Presbyterian, Oakwood Christian, Park Methodist, Prince Avenue Baptist. Arch United Methodist is an original member of Tri-County. Another newcomer is the Monroe City Ministerial Alliance. Claire asked for a vote to donate \$1,000 to the Tri-County Alliance for those in need. Tri-County helps with larger amounts, up to \$300 for many different types of assistance. Motion to donate \$1,000 was made and seconded, all members were in favor. The hope is for more of the churches to be able to donate in the future to help with the many needs in the Tri-County area. The more support that we have, the more help we can give.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 13 at 5:30 pm in the Conference Room at the Parish Center.

Meeting Closed: Meeting closed with a Hail Mary at 6:15 pm

*Respectfully Submitted,
Patty Miller*