

Good Neighbor Project Meeting Minutes – 08-01-2017

Members Present: Claire Robinson, Deborah Johnson, Patty Miller, Gail Hedges, Elaine Meyer, Nancy McWilliams, Joanne Renner, Ashley Hawkins

Opening Prayer: Our Father – group

Minutes of last meeting: Approved

GNP Case Requests/Discussion: The Crossing in Quincy had contacted Claire to ask us to partner with them in utility assistance. Claire explained our partnering with the Tri-County Alliance here in Hannibal and also other local churches to give as much assistance as possible.

Claire was contacted by a family from Canton who needed an air conditioner. She was able to supply one through United Way in Quincy. Good Neighbor reimbursed United Way in Quincy for the air conditioner. The cost was \$99.00.

Claire stated that we have chosen a Good News of Christmas family and she will discuss this further with Fr. Mike.

Financials: Claire told members that in the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, Holy Family Good Neighbor Project had given out \$28,000.00 in assistance with food, utilities, transportation and other miscellaneous needs. The figure does include our Adopt-A-Family at Christmas. The members were extremely proud to have been a part of this effort along with the generosity of parishioners and friends of Good Neighbor. We are also thankful for those families who have given Good Neighbor donations in memory of loved ones.

Fundraisers:

Bling N' Bag purse and jewelry sale raised \$663.00. Items remaining from this sale will be used in Autumn Auction. Deborah will go through purses and jewelry to see what we might want to use

Our big fundraiser, the Autumn Auction, is scheduled for September 30, 2017 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Doors will open at 6:00 pm. We want to finalize our menu of pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, cole slaw, chips and desserts. Patty will make contact with Andy Thomeczek to see if he can help us with good price on pork or possible donation. GNP members will make the desserts and anyone in the parish is welcome to make one as well. We will also ask the Knights of Columbus to help us with the bar that evening. Patty mentioned that we will not be able to set up until that morning as the Knights have an activity on Friday night.

Discussion as to whether to change bids on basket items to open bids, or keep as blind bids as in past. Members felt more might be made if people signed up on bid sheets, so bidding on large basket items will be open bid this year instead of blind bid. Because we have the quarter auction as well, members felt there would be something for everyone.

Members took letters to begin collecting items from merchants. The letters our members take to businesses are signed by Fr. Mike and Claire and explain the Autumn Auction fundraiser. Members were encouraged to donate items to the auction in addition to the wrapping paper basket that Good Neighbor puts together.

Basket challenge: Groups have been challenged through the bulletin and announcements. It is key to advertise heavily to get our groups involved. Patty suggested speakers at the Masses which seem to produce a great deal of interest and involvement by our parishioners.

We will need to make contact with Rich & Sarah Deien & Joe Thomas to ask if they will be our "MCs" for the evening. Members decided to meet in two weeks to continue work on the Good Neighbor Autumn Auction.

Meeting adjourned: 6:30 pm

Next Meeting – Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 5:30pm in the Conference Room of the Parish Center.

Addition to Minutes:

The following amounts were paid in July to help those in need:

Total July utility assistance: \$963.26 Total July food assistance: \$416.61
July Total \$1,379.87

Respectfully submitted, Patty Miller