

## **Holy Family Good Neighbor Project Meeting Minutes for January 8, 2019**

**Members Present:** Claire Robinson, Diane Rash, Nancy McWilliams, Lillian Bowen, Elaine Meyer, Gail Hedges, Deborah Johnson, Janice Rupp, Patty Miller

**Opening Prayer** – Prayer recitation by Deborah Johnson

**Minutes of Last Meeting** – Approved

**Election of New Chairperson** At the final meeting of 2018, Holy Family Good Neighbor Project Chairperson, Claire Robinson made the decision to resign as Chairperson. With her service of more than five years, Claire felt as though she needed to step down and allow another member to take over the duties of Chairperson. Claire will still be a member of Good Neighbor and continue the intake for individuals needing assistance.

A motion was made by Lillian Bowen to elect Gail Hedges as the new Chairperson for Holy Family Good Neighbor Project. The motion was seconded by Diane Rash. All present were in favor and Gail Hedges was elected as the second and new Chairperson for Holy Family Good Neighbor Project.

**Case Requests:** Most recent requests have been for food and utilities. It is the policy of Good Neighbor (for those outside the parish) to receive help every six months. This is due to the high volume of requests we have each week. We budget \$200 for food every month and it is usually gone within the first few days of the month as we give 10 vouchers at \$20 each. We make sure that individuals know about food pantries at Douglass Community, Salvation Army, First Methodist, and First Baptist.

On utility requests we have been partnering with NECAC and Douglass to give assistance. We have been able to help with water and sewer portion of bills as NECAC will pay the electric if the individual brings their shut-off notice and fills out the paperwork to receive assistance.

### **Fundraisers/Collections:**

Good Neighbor participated in the Beth Haven Festival of Trees. We received \$65 for our “Cardinal-themed” tree. Part of the sale of all trees goes to Pleasant View for their needs. The trees are artificial and supplied by Pleasant View. Good Neighbor members decorated the tree on Saturday, November 24, 2018. A picture of our decorated tree was featured on Facebook.

Discussion on GNP Autumn Auction fundraiser. Members felt there were some things that sold well and others did not. When working on the Auction for next year the goal will be to have the items better match the bid sheet so combining will not be necessary during the auction and the emcees will be able to easily identify the items for the quarter auction.

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### **Fundraisers/Collections (cont.):**

Members set the date for the Good Neighbor Autumn Auction for Saturday, September 28, 2019 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Patty will check the date with Fr. Mike's schedule and with Tom Richmond for the K of C Hall schedule. (\*NOTE – **Date was approved** by Fr. Mike and Tom Richmond prior to publishing of these minutes.)

Discussion on the number of fundraisers that members felt would be needed in 2019.

Members established the following would be held for 2019:

- 1. March 2-3 – Mardi Gras King Cake Bake Sale** – This would be held on Saturday evening, March 2<sup>nd</sup> and on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> in conjunction with the Youth Breakfast in St. Michael's Hall. Members will be available to accept desserts beginning at 3 pm on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Advertising will begin immediately for this fundraiser. Parishioners will be asked to bake a King cake or their fanciest dessert to sell. Sign-ups will be put in church and notice in the bulletin. Everyone will be encouraged to pick up a "Fat Tuesday" dessert.
- 2. May 11-12 – Mother's Day Flower Sale** – Flowers will be sold to honor our mothers, living and deceased. Members thought this went over well with the live flowers.
- 3. Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> - Good Neighbor Autumn Auction** – Doors open at 6 pm at the K of C Hall. This is our main fundraiser for the year.
- 4. Sat. & Sun., December 7-8 - Good Neighbor Christmas Cookie Sale** – Selling Saturday after Mass and Sunday in conjunction with Coffee & Doughnuts
- 5. Beth Haven Festival of Trees** – Date determined after accessibility of trees is published

**Other business:** Members asked Deborah how the Mitten Tree Party went for the Headstart children. Deb stated that more help was definitely needed. Had around 200 children, plus parents and other family. It was suggested to limit number of extra people who attend with child. Perhaps suggest that one chaperone per child would be the limit. Deborah will contact Headstart about the number of chaperones that can attend. GNP will also help with Mitten Tree.

**Meeting Day Change:** There was a discussion on the change of our meeting day back to the first Tuesday of the month so we could use the Conference Room. Members unanimously agreed to change meeting back to First Tuesday at 5:00 pm in the Conference Room.

**Closing Prayer** – Our Father

Meeting Adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

**Next Meeting** – **5:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 5, 2019** in the Conference Room  
at the Parish Center.

*Respectfully submitted, Patty Miller, GNP Sec.*