

St. Clare Social Concerns Ministry
November 2018 Meeting Minutes

Opening Prayer- Martin

Old Business

a. Volunteer opportunities

1. **STVDP** sorting and handing out - if interested in helping call first to see when help is needed: Location is 503 Guisepe Ct. in Roseville. Contact:

(916)781- 3303 and ask for Patti Dominguez

2. **STVDP van drivers** -Ask George with any questions .Doing better as even had three drivers present at our meeting.

3. **STVDP thrift store** - if interested in helping call Joe at (916) 893-9542

b. Last month's collection - coats and jackets. Have a good supply for the Thanksgiving distribution.

c. This month's collection - coats and food for baskets. Food doing well and so far have 109 bags filled. Need a total of around 170. Cranberry sauce is still needed.

New Business

a. Joshua's House - Torey Radford - flyers were available. Started by a woman, a doctor, who wasn't able to help her own grandson who sadly died on the streets. This will be a hospice program for 22 (at least at first) terminally ill homeless people. Medical and other services will be available. A building has been purchased and is being made into a welcoming, serene setting for the clients. It is to open in Spring of 2019; The location is near Loaves and Fishes and is the first such facility on the West coast. Animals of the clients can't live in the facility, but will be housed at Loaves and Fishes and volunteers will be able to bring the animals to the hospice for visits. Nursing students will be doing their training hours there.

Facility already connected with several local health care providers.

Volunteers will be needed and there are different levels, one called "friends" who will all be trained and the friends will visit, talk, read with clients etc.

b. Mercy Peddlers - Torey Radford - flyers were available. This program started when Sister Libby "retired". Sister will be talking at our February meeting where she hopes to convince us to look into starting a program in Roseville similar to hers in Sacramento.

Three bicycles have been donated by our parish for the program. We also gave traps, sleeping bags, hand sanitizers and 75 ziploc bags full of useful items (Torey said these bags were very popular)

Volunteer commitment is 2 hours or so a week.

Volunteers pedal around on bicycles or wagons and somehow carry hot coffee and other items out onto the streets and visit with street people, passing out the hot coffee, comfort and many other items such a soft Nutrigrain bars, hand sanitizer, wipes, lip balm, applesauce squeeze packs, deodorant, toothbrushes, socks, tarps etc. In the Summer, the volunteers have an ice chest with frozen wet washcloths to help cool people off in the heat.

On Torey's shift, she talks and tries to give people options to get off the streets. She often lends people her cell phone so they can make a call to connect with a friend or relative.

c. **Thank you to ICF** - they gave us \$1,000 which was used to buy 160 5x7tarps and 40 sleeping bags. They made \$1,900 at their bake sale, their best profit ever, and gave our group lots of credit due to the many items we provided.

d. **Laundry Love** - it is this Saturday, November 10th. We donated \$2,000 to help them. At this time, the best option for us instead of trying to set up another facility is to help them with some money.

e. **Distributions this past month** - Mercy Peddlers, helped a parishioner with a bed, a truck and trailer load of furniture and items to AMI (not part of Gathering Inn as we thought before). They have been able to get 45 families into housing in the past two years. Bill shared a story of finding a happy home for a camping stool after not knowing what to do with it. The recipient needed it to sit on and play his guitar so was thrilled when it was given to him.

f. **Thanksgiving distribution: next Friday, November 16th**. Big thank you to Agnes and Sue for all the work in setting all of this up, registrations etc.

SCHEDULE:

12:00 - get clothes etc. from storage

1:00 - group assigned to pick up turkeys

1:30 - empty pods of food and clothes, sort clothes, start setting up rooms.

3:00 - get turkeys from Thunder Valley, set up tables for KofC.

4:30-6:30 - Distribution to families

6:30-7:00 - Cleanup

- Monday of Thanksgiving week: [we will be setting up Christmas trees in the narthex](#) and Carol will be [putting the ornaments on](#) the Christmas trees. Help needed.

Reports

a. Gathering Inn - Martin

River camps - Martin shared of an interesting and hopefully productive conversation with a fire marshall, who came to the river when Martin and his wife were down there. Hope to set up some future conversations to work for positive outcomes for all. Exchanged phone numbers etc. Discussed perhaps setting up a program modeled after Gathering Inn type program.

Gathering Inn - Auburn program – Dan and Andrea Schitea have taken on the task of trying to provide the once a day required hot meals for the 100 residents in the Auburn shelter where clients can stay for up to 18 months. They would like to have St. Clare's provide this meal (along with the utensils, paper products, etc.) 1-2 times per month.

Gathering Inn - Auburn hot meal program

St. Clare's kitchen isn't available to be used to prepare these meals. Andrea looking into other options, other kitchen facilities, possible donations of meals from local restaurants, culinary programs in the local schools, etc. St. Rose may have an available kitchen. Big issue is that the kitchen must be a Placer County Certified Kitchen. Another issue is getting the meals all the way to Auburn and keeping them hot.

Our St. Clare's Mondays (next date is this coming Monday, November 12th.) for hosting Gathering Inn usually hosts 70-80 people a time including 8-10 children.

b. **STVDP**- George will provide all of the desserts for Gathering Inn night and also will provide muffins for the Thanksgiving distribution.

c. **NHCFM** - prayers needed for Margaret Small as her sister is very ill.

d. **Dress to S.O.A.R. - Justin Studebaker** - now called **S.O.A.R. (success over adverse realities)**. Works mainly with foster children/young adults in age ranges mainly 13-21, most living in Koinonia Home in Loomis. Program starts by helping provide nice clothing for the clients, prom outfits, shopping sprees with a volunteer shopper. Have about a hundred volunteers, but are hoping for more as have started creating a boutique upstairs at STVDP but need lots of help sorting clothing etc. Many wonderful donations, but not all appropriate for this younger age group. Justin trying to connect with various groups to find homes for clothes his program can't use. Tuesday evenings are their main working nights, but can arrange other times as well. Hoping to get sorting team for the 3rd. Tuesday of the month to help get the boutique going. Clothing just a way to start building trust, self-esteem etc.

Upcoming soon: November 13th. Christmas shopping 6 p.m. at Nordstroms Rack, November 16 evening clothes sorting with wine! 😊, November 22nd. Cookie distribution event with Kelly's Cookies. **Please contact Justin or get the app for correct details on these events.**

If interested in helping in this area there is a phone app which will have the events, dates, times, places etc. Can contact either text Justin at (916) 780-7300 or Martin at (916) 799-2693. They can then send the app to you and when you click on it, you will find details on the program.

e. **Jail ministry and Sierra College - Carole Chicoine** - handmade scarves and hats made by a social Concerns member along with lots of pantry and other supplies were delivered soon after our last meeting. The jail at Santucci was able to take all of the stored clothes and shoes collected and will distribute as needed. Didn't need jackets as yet, but they are being saved up as know they will be needed once the weather changes.

f. **WWJD - Bill** continues to distribute items on Wednesdays from 8-9 at Abundant Life church at 706 Atlantic Street in Roseville. He would welcome others to come and join him.

Other – Fran McMahon shared about a young woman convinced to not abort her baby and that her aunt has taken her in after being kicked out by her mom. Will ask Mom's Group and Respect for Life group to give some help to the woman and her baby.

Before closing prayer by Bill, Justin read a lovely testimonial written by a young person living at Koinonia Home for Teens in Loomis.

Next meeting is 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 13th and will include pizza!