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General Conference Meeting September 27, 2024

Reflection: Spiritual Advisor Debbie Weingroff

Guest Speaker: representative from Contact of Ocean County

Community Comfort and Fellowship Dinner: coordinator Marie Alfano

- Another wonderful evening for our guests last night; September 26th
- In addition to the dinner, we had 8 tables of clothing and gift type items for those who attended the dinner. We were able to offer the same last month, and we are pleased when we can do so. Dinners will remain on the last Thursday of each month.

Food Pantry: Coordinator Mary Schwarz

- Monthly totals to date
- Medical form reminders (to be kept in the food pantry in case of a medical emergency)
- Additional night shift for food pantry -Monday evenings for working families
- Cleaning service update (for pantry and conference room)
- Recent community donations (several adult communities very generous)
- John's and Charlie's retirement from the pantry volunteer staff

Fundraising: Coordinator Barbara Neary

- Members have been very generous with Boscovs returns
- Family Fun Night Magic Show
- Discussion regarding future proposals for restaurant nights, etc.

Furniture: Coordinators Pat and Paul Capelli

- Two families currently being helped with furniture
- For some cases we work with other parishes when getting furniture for families

Helping Hands: Coordinators Christine Cotgreave and Gen Yachnik

"To Be or Not To Be... that is the question."

- Christine will review required changes that have been asked by Father to be discussed by the conference volunteers

Home visitors/hot line volunteers: Coordinators Joe Damato and Michelle Jones

- At this time, we have a sufficient number of volunteers to cover cases
- The needs of our guests keep increasing; affordable housing is constant issue along with car repairs and utility bills
- Request for cars is constant -if anyone knows someone who is in a position to donate a car, please call our hot line 732-244-3916

Pavers: coordinator Charlie Rott

- If you or anyone you are acquainted with would like to purchase a paver please email: crott2668@verizon.net

Registrar: Linda Panaccione

- We have members that need to renew Virtus training and fingerprint updates. On August 10th members were emailed who needed to complete this commitment. Any concerns or questions please email: lin.panaccione@gmail.com

Secretary: Jill Bradley

- Weekly meeting notes are always completed by Jill and approved by Board: copies on record
- Ministry member list is constantly updated and available if any member needs a copy
 - 1) If personal information changes (address, phone number, et. Please contact Jill at jillabradley@aol.com

Sunshine Club; coordinator Karen Rott

- Correspondence with members sharing our support and prayers as individually needed

Technology: coordinator Kathy Minton

- Information regarding our conference is always updated on our website svdpstluke.org
- On line store powered by Farro's Tees is still available for all your SVdP "SWAG." Access via the website under Events and General Meeting Page: <https://www.svdpstluke.org/events>
- Family Fun Night Tickets – **Magician** Joe Fisher and **Ventriloquist** John Pizzi are still available. For children of all ages and the "child" in us. Tickets are \$15.00 each. Contact Kathy at kcminton15@gmail.com or call 908-370-2414. Tickets are being sold this weekend at all our masses. If you cannot attend this event and want to donate a ticket for a family who cannot afford a ticket please call Kathy.

Time sheets: Coordinator Susan DeBella

- Data indicates that our volunteers have donated 8,498 hours and have driven 26, 822 miles during this past fiscal year. However, only about 1/2 of our volunteers are turning in their time sheets. Please do your best to do so – we are working on our annual report

Toy Ministry: coordinator Susan DeMillio

- 2nd annual children's Christmas Toy Event for children ages newborn-12 years
- Sign up: every Monday and Friday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
- Toys distributed from December 2nd – December 16th (final date)

Treasurer: Sharon Bianchi

- Report given during meeting

Vegetable Garden: coordinator Meg Otchy

- Despite the intense heat and challenges with watering the volunteers were able to harvest 500lbs and 8 oz of food to share with the food pantry. (basil, beets, cantaloupe, carrots chives, corn, dill, eggplant, garlic, lettuce parsley peppers radishes, scallions, snap peas, string beans potatoes, Swiss chard, thyme, tomatoes,
- Vegetable beds are going to be rebuilt by Matt MacCarrick and Charlie Yannelli
- Other updates will be presented during meeting

Gemma/updates

- **Thank you** to Annette and Mary Jo for coordinating their efforts for our lunch preparation for each meeting
- **Thank you** to Frank Kelly who has taken on the "intense" commitment of coordinating the substitutes for the food pantry and keeping the schedule organized. Frank and his wife, Debbie, volunteer for many extra shifts to make sure the pantry runs as smoothly as possible
- In our constant commitment to serving our neighbors, and keeping within our vision and mission for SVdP, there have been the following meetings: Overview presented.
 - 1) Joan Olden: president of the SVdP conferences for the Trenton Diocese
 - 2) Chris Parke: President of the Ocean County SVdP Conference
 - 3) Father Michael
 - 4) Kathleen Muzzio
 - 5) My spiritual advisor
 - 6) A Diocesan representative

Things you do have:

“Life.

Talent to nurture.

Breath to anchor you.

The opportunity to try again.

The choice to apply the lessons.

The option to forgive yourself.

The divine gift of intuition.

The ability to inspire others.

A heart that can heal and be healed.

A mind capable of a positive change.

The gift of the here and now.

The capacity for hope.

A beautiful future.” We the Urban

Many blessings and peace of heart always.