

**Church of the Holy Family Human Development  
Meeting Minutes October 22, 2013**

Attendees: Hope Hannon, Judy Vetrano, Carol Battaglini, Patti Collart, Barb Hawley, Marianne King, Marilyn Powell, Jackie Newman, Mary Lou Casella, GERALYN Lupo, Rick Mullock, Ruth Bohan, Bill Bohan, Vince Rider, Kathy Atwell, Don Bergin (16)

The meeting was opened with a prayer and a brief meditation by Don Bergin.

**Ministry Reports**

**Clothing Drive:** Bill Bohan reported that the last week's winter clothing collection was very successful and that it filled a large truck to capacity. A special thank you to the Youth Ministry and others for helping load the truck. The next Clothing Drive will be Spring 2014.

**Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive:** Catholic Charities will provide us with 80+ names (families) in need of assistance this Thanksgiving. Food baskets will be picked up on Thurs. 11/21 at Mother Teresa's Pantry from 10:00 -1:00. Envelopes for donations to purchase Turkeys and perishables will be in bulletins this weekend. Bags to collect items and shopping lists will be available for pick up the next 3 weeks. They should be returned filled on the weekend of November 16/17. Bags will be checked on Sunday Nov. 17.

Marianne King suggested we purchase cloth bags next year to make handling easier. Hats, scarves and dish soap wrapped in dish cloths knitted by the Quilting Ministry will be included. A special session will be held to put labels on cards to notify those signed up where and when to pick up their gift bags. Check your email for details.

**Lusubilo Project:** Vince Rider reported The Society for the Propagation of the Faith thanked CHF for our gift of \$7000.00 for Peter Daino Ministries.

IAMS Dog Food donated 2.2 million dollars to build a school for 600 girls. Vince said Sister Beatrice is seeking opportunities to subsidize tuition for girls to attend school. Please purchase IAMS products if you can.

Our remaining goal for this year will be to address tuition costs for the girls attending the new school.

**Hope for Haiti Project:** Tom Collart provided a report for the committee:

Patti Collart delivered Tom's report. It was noted that \$600.00 was donated to Father Frechette for his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, a Thank-you note was received and shared.

**New Business:** 16 BCC students, Tom Collart, his daughter, granddaughter and Gina Curcio from the Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus will be going to Haiti in January for 10 days. The Trunk-of-Treats Project will be collecting donations to help this project. We will be having a Chicken BBQ in Jan to help raise funds for the Hope for Haiti project.

**Christmas Giving Tree:** Small trees with tags will initially be placed in the back of the church on 11/23/13 and remain there until after Thanksgiving, they will then be moved into the church. Gifts and Gift cards should be returned by Dec. 15, 2013. We will be supporting **Catholic Charities, Mom's House, Jail Ministry, and BirthRight** as well as collecting baby blankets. We will have a work session to do tags as soon as they are ready. Watch your email for details.

Note:

The Catholic Charity Gift Certificate Program was a huge success last year. Teens were able to purchase what they needed or wanted. Some gift cards were also used throughout the year as special needs occurred.

Don Bergin to ask Fr, Clarence about a second collection to gather the gift cards during the first three weeks of December.

**Home for the Terminally III:** A meeting was held Sept. 26 at 7:00 in McCabe Hall. 300 invitations were sent to 300+ individuals who might be interested in this project. A steering committee is being formulated to help set the direction for this project. The Annual Francis House Fundraiser was held 10/16/13 in Syracuse at the State Fairgrounds from 5:30-8:30 eight members from the HD Committee/ Home for the Terminally Ministry went to the event. The event was a huge success.

**New Business:** The possibility of a speaker and a second collection for to Haiti trip in January. The next meeting for Human Development Ministry will be in January.

Meeting was closed with a prayer.