

Christian Services Commission Notes from

Nov 12, 2013 at the Bullock center

Members present: Kate Mason, Mary Alice Dowdell, Ginny Devlin, Ginny DeCoste, Maryann Lahive, Connie Malloy, Valerie Fratello, Karen McManus, Carol Roberto

OPENING PRAYER

EPOCH CENTER activities

- Thanksgiving cards are completed.
- Birthday cards are needed by Jan 1st. 65 cards are needed.
- Mary Alice discussed holiday cards. Epoch will not disclose how many residents at Epoch need Hanukkah cards. This year, instead of Christmas and Hanukkah, the cards will "Winter holiday greetings". 65 cards are needed by Dec 21st. Kate Mason will contact Jodi Pandelidas for both the Winter Greeting and the Birthday Cards.
- Rosary: 3rd Thursday of the month. Nov 21st at 11 am. Ginny DeCoste will be attending.

OCTOBER BOOK COLLECTION- Over 500 books were received. These will cover the center for one year. The commission will consider doing another book collection, possibly in September

EVELYN HOUSE CHRISTMAS PARTY AGENDA ITEMS- Sunday, Dec 8th 3-5pm

- GIVING TREE: We discussed when to remove the tree. If Kerry Payson does not need the tree, it will be removed on Dec 1st. Please contact Valerie Fratello with the date.
- GIFT TAG UPDATE: There was an excellent response this past weekend. Mary Alice had a few extra tags. Commission members volunteered for taking the extra tags.
- BACK OF THE CHURCH PICK UPS:
 - Individual gift bags will be picked up by Mary Alice until Nov 26th. Connie Malloy will pick up gift bags from Nov 27-Dec 2nd
 - All gingerbread supplies will be picked up by Mary Ann Lahive.
 - All family gift bag supplies will be picked up by Kate Mason. Paper goods will be picked up by Kate Mason
- REMINDER FOR DONATIONS for the Evelyn house will go into the church bulletin for the weekend of Nov 23-24 and Nov 30-Dec 1. Valerie volunteered to do send bulletin and pulpit note to Fr. Scott for announcement at Mass.
- SANTA VOLUNTEER FOR THE PARTY: Rich Harding will arrive at 4pm
- MEETING for putting together the "Family gift bags": Saturday, Dec 7th at 9:30am. Kate will reserve O'Connell hall
- CARPOOL FOR THE PARTY: On Dec 8th, we will all meeting in the parking lot at OLOS at 2:30 pm
- WATER BOTTLE DONATIONS for the party. Valerie volunteered to donate or get volunteers for small water bottles.
- GINGERBREAD HOUSES: mary Ann asked for donations of small "1/2 and 1/2 containers

- DISCUSSION OF PARTY ACTIVITIES: jewelry, gingerbread houses, sugar cookie decorating. Kate will need some help with the adult activities. Kate will ask Elaine if she can do the jewelry. Kate will send out an email if she needs help with the "small decorations" for the greens. No glass containers or decorations
- FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS were discussed. We will do exactly the same thing as last year. Karen will coordinate and Valerie will ask for bakers from OLOS via bulletin announcement.
- PARTY PHOTOGRAPHER: Ginny Devlin's daughter and son in law will be the photographers and use a "regular camera", not a cell phone.
- DISCUSSION OF CREATION OF A POSTER to bring on the day of the party which highlights the activities.
- "FLYER" to bring to the Evelyn House on the day of the party. Mary Alice will create this. It will be used to help the residents know what the party activities are and where the activities will be.

CLOSING PRAYER

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, Dec 10th at Mary Alice's home at 7:30 pm.

Respectively submitted by Karen McManus on Nov 16th