

Meeting Notes
OLOS Christian Service Commission
Tuesday, November 10, 2015
Bullock Center

Attending: Mary Alice Dowdell, Ginny DeCoste, Ginny Devlin, Valerie Fratello, Carol Roberto, Karen McManus, Kate Mason (chair & note taker)

Epoch Center Activities

- **Rosary for November 19th** - Mary Alice Dowdell confirmed that she, Ginny Decoste, and Lucie Graveline will be at the Epoch Center on Thursday, November 19 to lead the recitation of the rosary. The Epoch Center welcomes additional rosary beads.
- **Greeting Cards** - Valerie Fratello confirmed that the birthday cards are finished; the Thanksgiving cards are 3/4 done and the Winter Greetings will be next for the Sundays Coffee Hours of Dec 6 and Dec 13. The Faith Formation students are making some wonderful cards!

Evelyn House Christmas Party Date December 13th, 2015

- **Giving Tree on weekend of Nov 21 - 22:** There will be a total of 41 gifts tags for each member of the 15 families at Evelyn House. We expect to have two additional families so the number may increase. Mary Alice will contact Marcia Friday (11.13.15) for an update on residents. There will be an additional 40 tags for family gift bags and party supplies.
- **Staff Gifts** - we decide to cost-share gifts for the staff amongst the members of CSC. Valerie will order the gifts online; Kate has gift bags and tissue paper. Mary Alice will get gift for the director.
- **Family Gift Bag:** This is a "Goody Bag" of cookies, family card games and Holiday goodies for each family (16-18 total) We will collect supplies by Giving Tree and will assemble on Dec 12 at O'Connell Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 11 a.m. All are welcome to help.
- **Santa & elves** - we are seeking someone to play Santa and also a Santa suit.
 - **Santa:** The bulletin article this weekend will ask for volunteers. We discussed a few people to ask if no-one comes forward.
 - **Santa Suit:** Carol Roberto suggested we speak with Teresa Coda about using the suit that is worn on the Sunday of Donuts with St. Nick (Dec 6). Teresa will check with Chris Muldoon. She made the outfit and knows the schedule for its use.
- **Volunteers and CORI forms:** Mary Ann Lahive has been in touch with volunteers from past years to see if they will volunteer again this year. She spoke with Fabiola about the CORI forms. Volunteers and CSC Members have been instructed to see Fabiola or Chris Muldoon to complete the CORI form. Fabiola is available everyday until 1:00 in the Bullock Center and Chris is available Monday through Thursday 9:30-3:30 in the rectory. Mary Ann will

provide a list of volunteers and CSC members to Chris and Fabiola so we are sure everyone has complete the CORI before the party.

Tags on Giving Tree - November 21-22

- Nov 13 - Mary Alice Dowdell to check for changes to residents at Evelyn House
- Nov 14-15 - Bulletin notice and pulpit announcement
- Nov 17 Karen, Mary Alice and Kate will meet to assemble tags for the Giving Tree & will leave tags for Valerie for Saturday morning
- Nov 21 Valerie will put up Giving Tree and put on tags on it
- Nov 21 - 22 - Pulpit announcement & CSC members will monitor tags at each MASS over the weekend:
 - 4:30 p.m. - Mary Ann Lahive; Carol Roberto
 - 8:30 a.m.- Valerie Fratello; Kate Mason
 - 10:45 a.m. Mary Alice Dowdell; Ginny Devlin; Kate Mason (Back-up)

Updates

- **PPC** met on November 4 and are in process of discussing parish and PPC goals. this may include adding new Commissions to our parish. Fabiola Aguliera would like to come to our CSC January 13 meeting to discuss MainSpring activities.
- **CRS: Catholic Relief Services** Ambassador Program is being piloted in parishes in the Boston area and the initial gathering will be held on the weekend of Nov 13 & 14. There are four from OLOS attending (including Kate Mason). This may bring some new activities (international) to our parish.

Next CSC Meetings

Saturday December 12 from 9- 11 a.m. Assemble Goody Bags
Tuesday, January 13, 2016 7:30 p.m. Bullock Center