

**NOVEMBER 2019 CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Denise Brady, Maria Kustra, Donna Lassaline, Sandy Rogala, Toni Sheffield

**ABSENT:** Tony Carozza, Helen Ickes, Steve Nacarato

The meeting opened with prayer led by Denise Brady at 7:08PM

**FUNERAL LUNCH:**

Helen not in attendance but Toni reported that luncheons are moving along. We had back to back luncheons that went very smoothly thanks to Helen's organization, etc. Many compliments, again, about Helen's kindness and "way with" those who are grieving.

**GOSPEL OF LIFE**

AAA Pregnancy Resource Center Baby Bottle Campaign is winding up. Approximately 500 bottles were taken with 312 returned as of the date of the meeting. When Sandy has a total she will write an article for the Bulletin.

*Right to Life/Lifespan* Christmas cards sale will be weekends of November 9/10 and 16/17.

Presentation of hand made Rosary, Card and *Children's How to Pray the Rosary* pamphlet is going very well and is well received by the parents on the day of their child's baptism.

**MOPS**

Currently have 53 Members on the Roster. 3/4 of those are Mentor Moms and unknown of how many are St. Edith Parishioners. Off to a great year so far with four meetings under their belt. They have already talked about the importance of female friendships and *finding your people*, had a GoogleAuto Complete mixer where they learned a lot of similarities amongst themselves in the group and made a hand stamped necklace/keychain.

Also visited the Villa for Reverse Trick or Treating where they had the largest group ever participate; the residents loved it!

**Coming up –**

November 8 meeting on balancing work and motherhood as well as having a financial speaker come in. On November 22 MOMSNext panel where those who are in the thick of diapers and tantrums can ask questions to our mamas who are through that part of motherhood but could offer some sage advice and on December 6 we have another craft.

## **KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS**

No report because Tony was visiting his brand new granddaughter at the hospital!

## **OUTREACH**

### **Thanksgiving:**

Sort and Pack-Thursday, November 21

Loading and Delivery Day- Saturday, November 23

Food and monetary donations are currently being collected for Thanksgiving.

### **Christmas:**

Sort and Pack- Thursday, December 19

Loading and Delivery Day- Saturday, December 21

Gift tags from the Giving Tree will be available the weekend of November 23/24. Gifts need to be returned to the Gathering Space or Christian Service Office by Monday, December 16.

In addition to helping our local families and a few other charities, this year we will also be helping a new group called "Hope Clinic." Every year during the holidays Hope Clinic works to provide their clients with Christmas gifts through their Adopt a Family Program as well as the HOPE Christmas Shop where families can come in to get what they need including toys, games, household items, and personal care and hygiene items for all ages. The St Edith Giving Tree tags this year earmarked for this charity's Christmas Shop will be marked "HOPE CLINIC" with clothing and winter boots, pajamas, household items, etc. for children and adults.

Denise also reported on highlights from the October 2019 Parish Council meeting. (Full report available upon request.)

## **A NEW DAWN**

In October A New Dawn did their annual monetary collection for Christian Service and presented Toni with \$500 to use toward Holiday Outreach.

In November they will collect warm hats and gloves for Franciscan Ministries; helped by Christian Service/Parish at Christmas Outreach.

Upcoming events are their Thanksgiving Dinner as well as Christmas Party.

A decision about whether to disband will not be made until January 2020.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Since we have not met in person for the past four years in January due to inclement weather, and instead held a "virtual meeting" that month, we voted to do the same for the January 2020 meeting, rather than waiting until the last minute to change from an in-person to a virtual meeting. The vote was unanimously in favor of doing this.

The meeting ended with prayer at 8:10PM

Next meeting will be a "virtual meeting" with reports sent to Toni by January 7, 2020

Respectfully submitted by: Toni Sheffield