

Christian Service Commission Meeting Minutes May 8, 2025

PRESENT: Marsha Goode, Maria Potter, Sandy Rogala, Toni Sheffield, Terri Thor

ABSENT: Denise Brady, Ray Busuttil

Meeting commenced at 1:00PM

APPROVAL OF MARCH 2025 MINUTES

Terri moved to approve minutes; Sandy Rogala seconded and minutes were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Blood Drive

Most recent drive on April 27th saw 39 donors and we met our target. Next drive is scheduled for Sunday, October 12th. We have been deemed a Premier Partner with the Red Cross and will be given a plaque in this honor. We have held 67 drives over the years, collected 3,435 units averaging 51 units per drive.

Funeral Lunch

Terri reports that there has only been one luncheon since our last meeting (no Funeral Luncheons on Saturday's during Lent cut down on that) and it went well. Toni reported that she was finally able to get some photos of people who volunteer at FL's to go along with the article for the bulletin, which she sent to Connie this past week.

Knights of Columbus

No report

St. Vincent DePaul

Marsha reports that there have only been three calls since the last meeting and things went well with all of those calls. Toni asked Marsha if she would provide her the "search link" to type in a Neighbor In Need's address when they call so that she (Toni) can be sure to refer the caller to the appropriate St Vincent DePaul chapter. Marsha happily agreed to do this!

NOTE: It was at this time that we were interrupted with news of the new Pope so we paid attention to that news and, since Sandy had sent in a report for Gospel of Life and Denise had sent in reports for both Outreach and Parish Council, it was decided that we would listen to the news and Toni would use the written reports provided for this report.

Gospel of Life

At the April 9 Lenten Soup Supper, Sandy spoke about our Gospel of Life Group and what they do, including the different collections for Right to Life—Lifespan throughout the year (Baby Shower, Mother's Day Flowers, Father's Day Candy and Christmas Cards).

They also write out special cards for the newly baptized and include a blessed handmade Rosary and a pamphlet on how to pray the Rosary. They had rosaries available for anyone that would like them and then we all prayed the Rosary together.

The weekend, of May 11-12, they will have fresh carnations for Mother's Day after all the masses. Donations go to Right to Life—Lifespan.

Holiday Outreach

Lenten weekend Almsgiving collections to 5 different groups went well. Parishioners were very generous with their donations and support.

Parish Council

Improved lighting in the back parking lot between the church and the Villa is being looked into though the current light poles are owned by the Villa and not St Edith.

- Replacement of the outside uneven pavement by the back parking lot will be corrected this spring.
- The school has openings for next year in all grades except kindergarten.
- Council is currently finalizing the parish goals and objectives for 2025-2026.

The meeting dispersed at 1:35 so everyone could head home to watch more coverage on our new AMERICAN BORN Pope, Leo XIV!

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, September 11th at 1:00 in the Christian Service Office

Respectfully submitted: Toni Sheffield