

POC mtg. - 1/21/20

Members present: Joe Jansen, Stephanie Waite, Margaret Nelson, Deacon Gary Schneider, Jeanne Barron, Carole Beggs, Heidi Hamilton, Jane Heinks, Peter Walsh, & Kathleen Sweeney.

Minutes should be sent out within a week after the meeting. Agenda should be sent out the Friday before the next meeting.

Naomi Hard reported her annual report for Building Bridges Liberia. Started in 2013. Recognized by IRS as tax exempt charity. It took Naomi 3 days to fill out the paperwork we requested. Catholics are only 1.8% of the Liberians. Naomi was a protestant when she 1st started there. Her guiding principles: corporal/spiritual works of mercy & the beatitudes. Went from 53 students to over 500 students. 46 teachers & 7 sites. She gives \$1K/mo. for teacher salaries. The main school has been accredited for a long time. Naomi has built a bathroom, well, building. The founder, Emmanuel Reeves, keeps expanding to other towns. Naomi has received funds from SJB members. Naomi is only funding things regarding teachers & students, not for his church. SJB school has sent supplies over to the school, K-12. Naomi works w/St. Christopher's Church, founded in the 30's. Her main push is the St. Martin de Porres Catholic Community Center. The archdiocese owns 4 acres. Will cost \$35K & she's put \$15K into it so far. It will be fenced in--someone built a home inside that property. Main bldg. will have 10 classrooms, 2 bathrooms. 2nd floor: large hall for Christian movies, concerts, lectures. 15 min. walk from Cath. church. For any denomination but the Catholic faith will be taught. Eventually sisters will live there & run it. Will cost \$165K. Chapel: on highest part of land. \$70K. A pavilion outdoors for concerts. Public wells, cooking space. Building Bridges is the living reality of Go Make Teach. Asking for 2 informational tables/yr. at SJB to educate the parishioners. She had a fundraiser at her home 17 mo. ago. She'd like to have an annual fundraiser at SJB annually: pasta feed, pig roast, etc. She'll have to decide the details, come & share, then we'll talk re. approval & possible dates.

Ministry Matrix from Peter Walsh was updated Dec. '19. Each person in our POC will be the liaison for 2 SJB ministries. Here are the ministries everyone volunteered for, however some switches may have been missed.

Margaret Nelson: Food Shelf, Growing through Loss.

Peter Walsh: ABLE, (Hospital Ministers, & Nursing Home Ministry).

Kathleen Sweeney: Feed my Starving Children & Respect Life.

Joe Jansen: Sharing & Caring Hands.

Jeanne Barron: Angel Tree, Befrienders, ABLE (helping the elderly stay in their home).

Carol Beggs: St. Vincent de Paul, CSC.

Heidi Hamilton: Families Moving Forward, Maternity Closet, Meals on Wheels.

Jane Heinks: SJB Foreign Missions.

Roxanne: Meals on Wheels, Branch 3.

Deacon Gary: prayer letter & prayer line

Connect with these ministries & help them become more visible. Be a consultant to them. What help do they need? Do they need more people, money, a room? Put info into the bulletin re. them: mission of the month/week.

Willingness to grow: action to support all the ministries of the parish.

(Note from PLC meeting) Next month we need to talk about the envelopes that we talked about last time. (sheet stapled on bag, etc.) If we see homeless in the parish, Fr. Paul says to go to St. Vincent de Paul.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Sweeney