

The hybrid meeting started shortly after 7 pm with an opening prayer read by Bridget Rosen. The spiritual reading was shared by everyone present.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Joann Montgomery read the minutes from Oct. 27th. The minutes were passed as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Carole Marshall reported that the checking account balance is \$3,553.19.

READING OF THE RULE: Barb Whalen read from page 53, Statute 9, regarding Festival Meetings and Conference Masses.

PANTRY REPORT: Bridget Rosen reported that:

- Steve Cline may be able to acquire some crates from the MLT Concern For Neighbors Food Bank for storage of food in our pantry.
- Volunteers are needed for sorting food that the school children gather and bring to the pantry on Nov. 14th and 15th. Joann Montgomery and Cristine Lalwani volunteered.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Thanksgiving/Christmas Planning:
 - Thanksgiving Baskets:
 - It was motioned by Barb Whalen, seconded by Joann Montgomery, and passed, that \$30 WinCo gift cards for large families/\$20 WinCo gift cards for small families will be purchased and distributed with the Thanksgiving Baskets.
 - Bridget will coordinate with Steve Cline regarding WinCo card purchase after the total numbers are available.
 - Barb Whalen volunteered to create the packets holding the WinCo cards, along with numbering cards, tape and scissors for the baskets, and "sandwich boards" to help folks find us at Mercy house. There was a discussion concerning where to place other signage.
 - Bridget volunteered to contact the office regarding additional tables and a cart for distribution day.
 - A sign-up sheet for the Thanksgiving basket distribution was passed around.
 - Christmas Baskets:
 - The amount of the gift cards (WinCo and Kroger) for the 30 baskets will be determined at the December 13th meeting.
 - Holly House will be donating toys and they will be displayed on tables for selection by the parents. (The toys will be stored in the SVDP office in Mercy House until distribution day.)
- Mercy House: The pantry will be open (as long as there is a member present) during the Coffee hour on the 19th and during the blessing by the Archbishop on the 29th. The financial book will be under lock and key during those times. As needed, there will be discussions about other times that the pantry will be open.

- Invitation to Serve: Four individuals who are interested in volunteering attended the Nov 7th meeting in Mercy House.
- Safe Environment: Mark Koehn has requested the Virtus ID's be obtained from the SPX parish Safe Environment Coordinator. Bridget and Joann are working on this.
- Holders to remind us in 2024:
 - Amazon Registry
 - Selling envelopes for the homeless

IMPORTANT DATES: (All meetings are hybrid for these dates--**Socials are not hybrid**)

- **Nov 18** **Prep and distribution of baskets from Mercy House.**
- **Nov 19** **Mercy House Coffee & Donuts after mass.**
- **Nov 29** **Dedication & Blessing of Mercy House. (After 9 am mass & after the school blessing, ie: 10-10:30 am)**
- **Nov 24** **NO MEETING**

- **Dec 1** **NO SOCIAL**
- **Dec 13** **Wednesday Evening Meeting 7 pm Mercy House**
- **Dec 15** **Prepare for Christmas basket distribution**
- **Dec 16** **Christmas basket distribution from Mercy House**
- **Dec 29** **NO MEETING**

The meeting ended after 8:30 PM with a Closing Prayer.

In Attendance: Cristina Lalwani, Brophy Lee, Carole Marshall, Joann Montgomery, Bridget Rosen, Barb & Colleen Whalen

Signed: Joann Montgomery
Secretary