

Committee for the Poor

Minutes: September 6, 2011

In attendance: Maureen Levinson, Debbie Margulis, Sonia Burda, Dick Held, Guiseppe Nespoli, Connie Cohen, Cara Moreno

- General themes:
 - More proactive involvement where we work directly with poor giving of time (rather than only \$\$) is a good addition / alternative with bad economy and with plethora of other fundraisers taking place
 - Reaching out and leveraging other parishes in the area could be a good way to raise awareness of our causes and fundraise without relying only on our parish
 - Agreed to save all documents created in conjunction with planning and CFP events to create CFP binder
- In conjunction with Feast of St. Martin of Tours, committee agreed to host two “events” at Lantern Walk in November: 1) donations of warm clothes and 2) “auction” or purchase of tiles painted at BBQ
 - Fundraising goal for tiles = \$4,000; will ask for 1:1 donation (1 tile for ~\$80-\$100 = 1 desk for Resurrection)
 - Both will be publicized in bulletin and via lector announcements; **Maureen to put together plan to remind and encourage parents to participate** (ie email parents, notes in school bulletin etc)
- **Sonia Burda** proposed idea of starting financial literacy program for underprivileged women and students under the CFP umbrella. She will spend next month investigating type and extent of needs at both Good Shepherd and (in conjunction with Debbie) St. Turibius and **report back next month**. Plan is to be Jr. Achievement lead at St. Ts.
- Idea proposed for “Extreme Couponing” gathering. Parishioners bring flyers with coupons and gather in a social setting to cut coupons trying to yield savings for an organization. In conjunction, would reach out to parishioners who work for companies and do bulk ordering, where we could piggy back. Should be little to no cost to SMT **(Need Leader)**
- Committee approved new logo (below). Suggestion to add “SMT” to logo and possibly find a shorter tag line. Currently reads: “Fulfillment in the Privilege of serving others”. Also proposed: “Engage, Serve, Grow”. **WE NEED TO FINALIZE LOGO AND TAG LINE ASAP. COMMITTEE, PLS SEND ALL COMMENTS OR NEW SUGGESTIONS BY END OF WEEKEND.** Once approved, have **new banner made (cara)**



- Open Positions: Giuseppe volunteered to be head of Communications (yeah!); still looking for Head of Membership, Leaders for various events (including Top Chef takeover) and Liaisons with each of the orgs we support
- Putting together “what’s required to lead an event” sheet
 - **Maureen to send through sample**
 - **Giuseppe to finalize and work with Maureen and Dick for SMT liaisons for various tasks**
- Upcoming Events:
 - Sept – Bundle Sunday next weekend (18th) – bring your household goods to church
 - Sept – Cara to speak at church about the committee (18th); will have booth set up after each mass with flyers and sign up sheet (reuse some posters from BBQ)
 - **Booth Volunteers: Cara (7am) Debbie (9am) Maureen (10:30) Sonia (12:00) – Can anyone do Sunday or Saturday evening mass?**
 - Oct – “Top Chef Takeover” at Bread and Roses Homeless Café planned for Oct 21st (**Debbie to confirm date from school perspective and see if school mom(s) would like to plan/lead**). Still looking for leaders on behalf of parish (**Connie also had someone in mind and checking**)
 - Decided to forgo Food Drive for Resurrection in Oct with other events and having desk fundraiser in Sept/Nov for them
 - Nov – Xmas Drive (lead by Dick)
 - **Reproduce flyer (Cara, Giuseppe)**
 - **Confirm Joe speaking on behalf of CFP and homeless bags; video tbd (Dick to confirm with Joe)**
 - **Get plan approval from Fr Ben (Cara)**
 - Spring – “Big Give” - New suggestions...
 - Spring cleaning flea market – folks pay to set up booths or we set up booths and folks pay entry fee or bring a requested good for the homeless. They also bring items they’d like to sell similar to garage sale. Portion of all proceeds goes to CFP to purchase additional items for the orgs we support
 - Proposed partnering with St. Sebastian or Joan of Arc
 - Still need: dates, leaders, idea solidification