

Holy Spirit Christian Service Commission March 23, 2017

Present: Cindy Eutgen, Micki Lague, Teresa Hopkins, Sister Rita Kohut, Lillian Cotter, Jerry Clark, Chris Christieans, Karen Corda

The meeting opened with prayer.

**MINISTRY TO SENIORS:**

**Senior luncheons:** The phone calls made inviting people to the senior luncheon on March 7 resulted in 10 new people attending. The next lunch will be April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Cindy asked for suggestions from those attending to ascertain things they might be interested in. Suggested were to play games such as Trivia, cards, raffles. They were also interested in taking field trips. Cindy said members of the lunch group were willing to make phone calls. Christian Service members suggested tours of the straw house, aquaponics at UGF, and Westside community gardens.

**Grief ministry:** We talked about how this could be provided to recent widows or widowers, as well as follow up with them. They can also be invited to the luncheon. No plan was formulated regarding this ministry.

**Homebound ministry:** Chris reported that his JustFaith group is willing to participate. Karen explained the concept of Circle of Friends to the new people attending.

ACTION	RESPONSIBLE	TO BE COMPLETED	DATE COMPLETED
Develop a list of JF grads	Karen	before next mtg	3/23/17
Invite the JF grads to 3/23 meeting	Karen	“ ”	3/23/17

Theresa helped with the calling. There were not a lot of answered phone calls and a lot of messages were left.

Chris identified some people who might benefit from Circle of Friends.

ACTION	RESPONSIBLE	TO BE COMPLETED	DATE COMPLETED
Contact identified persons to see if they want some help; if so, contact Cindy to set up a meeting	Chris	Ideally within a couple of weeks.	

Those willing to participate in the meeting are: Annette Such, Theresa H. Micki L., Cindy E., Jerry C., Karen C. and Chris C. Chris will invite his JF group also.

**CRS rice bowls:** 25% of the money collected will stay in our area, with the recipient determined by the school and Christian Service. We agreed that our portion should go to the St. Dismas jail ministry. They use money to buy candy, lined paper (not in notebooks), Mother’s Day cards, etc. Christmas cards are usually donated.

**Other information:**

The fellowship dinner this month is being prepared by the KC’s. They need desserts.

The palms for Palm Sunday are purchased from a place that is environmentally sound and doesn’t cause the palms to die.

The MT Gerontology Society will meet April 6 and 7<sup>th</sup>. Nurses can receive continuing education credits.

If the current legislative proposals pass, there will be huge cuts to Hospice, Nursing Homes, and Senior Care in Montana.

**Continuing and Future agenda items:**

Cindy said that a priest from Uganda, formerly from UGF has sent goods made by his parishioners to sell. Micki is willing to sell them at a table during Fair Exchange sales. We will discuss further to see what will happen in the future.

Next Meeting scheduled for **April 27, 2017.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Corda