

## SERVICE AND OUTREACH COMMISSION

### Minutes November 3, 2021

**Present:** Cathy Bushey, Frank Bushey, Carol Cox, Karla Davis, Florence Forbes, Dusty Graham, Kim Halsey, Patsy Holman, Lou Lamb, Betty Markle, Bruce Massey Guest: Joan Balbuena from Bester Community of Hope

Cookbooks are in. They can be picked up before and after services or by making arrangements with Betty or Bruce for pickup or delivery. We have 57 remaining to sell.

Sampler Sunday - Parish Life is holding a tasting sampler from the Cookbook after Sunday Service on November 14. Cookbooks will be available for sale.....at least as long as they are available. Betty is investigating whether ordering another 100 would be feasible. Chris Tischer is selling on Facebook. Good feedback on cookbook, recipes and drawings.

Thanksgiving pies – The sale is taking place now. We are taking donations towards supplies. Apple, pumpkin, apple-walnut-cranberry, cherry pie, fruits of the forest pie, and lemon cheesecake are for sale. We raised prices by a few dollars.

Joan from Bester Community of Hope – There is an after school program at Bester Elementary School BOOST one of which is offering education for 15 girls in hygiene and adulthood. It is 6 weeks long. A baggie that is given to participants, contains grooming and hygiene products. SOC has been asked to contribute to this 'baggie gift' with products or money that can be used to buy the products. Another upcoming opportunity is on November 13 and 17 when conflict/restorative training will be offered. The South End is the targeted population. SOC can participate or contribute to the endeavor.

Christmas Shoeboxes – currently anticipating a list of forty Bester students for these shoeboxes. Boxes will be available after services or by stopping by the office. Shopping may be done for those who wish to contribute/participate but don't want to shop.

Continuing Bester Needs - Bester has asked for tissues, baby wipes and stickers for 2 kindergarten classes. There are 34 students in each of these classes. More information available on this need very soon. There is a continuing need for underwear, no boxers for boys and no bikinis for girls. They are currently collecting coats for students. They have a few children that need adult sizes. Coat Drive will be November 20, 11- 1 PM.

Pantry on the Go – Will not take place in November. Next one will be December 11.

Toiletry Drive – The Blessings Box has been removed. Considering a new way to serve the community. It was suggested to have a toiletry drive in November rather than Pantry on the Go. Father Todd has \$600 that he can put towards inventory for this event. Frank and Cathy will share their toiletry shopping experience for the Community Café for the toiletry drive. Kim asked for volunteers to manage this activity on Saturday, November 20. May be offered again with the food on December 11. The consensus was to move forward with this endeavor.

Pastoral Care: Dusty gave updates on three parishioners with whom she has regular contact for needs. Will send Christmas greetings to shut-ins similar to next year.

**Adjournment:** 8:15 PM.