Service & Outreach Commission August 2, 2023

September Meeting: September 6 is the next meeting. (Frank, Patsy, Cathy, Bruce, and Florence will do it from home.)

Potomac Towers: August 29th Cathy and Frank will provide lunch.

School Supplies, Backpacks, etc.: Bester Elementary School doesn't need school supplies at this time, but would still like tissues, post-it notes, and paper towels. Would deliver the first week of school. Getting 20 backpacks – could we pay for this as SOC – YES, but will ask for donations! Lou and Patsy will go shopping (check Kohl's). Middle School and High School List: Highlighters, colored pencils, zipper pencil pouch, white board markers, spiral notebook, folders, pencils, pens. CIRCLES has 14 elementary school students, 3 middle school students, 3 high school students. Bless the backpacks – August 20 & 27 – would be great! Lou will ask for donations and put it in the bulletin. Scissors will go to Ruth Ann Monroe.

Book Drive: 10th Annual Book Drive – August 1 – September 10 – books for all ages (no encyclopedias please) boxes across from the choir room and Trimble Hall

Diapers: The diaper bank has some and will be sharing them at POTG in September.

POTG: Next one is August 12. We now have big amounts of each item.

Clothing and September 16th: Find out more in Soundings

Gift Cards: (currently have 7 \$50 Martin's cards, 2 \$10 Sheetz cards, and 5 \$25 Sheetz cards) sell them at St. John's Day - September 10^{th} . Work with other commissions to sell and ask others to help. Patsy and Bruce will sell.

German Dinner: Parish Life will be planning an authentic German dinner fundraiser on Friday, October 6th, selling beer and wine separately – proceeds will go to Brooke's House (so good to us for the yard sale) – \$60/person, will need help – open to the public – Peg and Susan working on publicity – maybe Brooke's House could help – needs our commission to help with volunteering, sell tickets, and get the word out – Welcoming involved as well – attempting to sell 91 tickets. Menu is plated meal – soup, salad, two proteins, dessert. Flyers coming soon. Using Square for credit cards (Kim will figure this out). Sell tickets online.

Thanksgiving Pies: Doing pies and cheesecakes again!!! Don't have the prices, yet. Florence will provide eggs (10 dozen).

Magazine Drive: magazines for retirement facilities