

Saint Francis

Service Committee Minutes

March 9, 2017

**Attendance:** Father Tom Ackerman, Linda Dover, John Cooper, Bee Cooper, Pat Larkin, Kathy Bergeron, Barbara Sullivan, David Prestridge, Francine Marasco, and Judy Spadoni. And guests Shelly and Marianne Rosenzweig Guest Speakers: Sr. Carol Grey from Catholic Social Services and Paul Lake, John Evans, and Rachel Lander from St Vincent de Paul Society

Meeting opened with prayer.

**Save-a-Life Baby Shower:** Bee Cooper has been in contact with M. Blackburn and St Francis will host a baby shower on Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> from 2-4 p.m. in the Mulvoy Room. St Francis will provide the decorations, refreshments and games. All parishioners will be invited to attend and give support to the new mothers who have finished the program. Three to five mothers are expected with their families and possibly the fathers.

**Service Projects:** There are no service projects from the PSR classes.

**Food Pantry:** K. Bergeron gave update on food pantry. 32 persons/families have received food. She still needs some gift cards from Aldi or Winn Dixie in amounts of \$5-10 dollars for fresh items, i.e. milk, bread, meat. She has been able to make referrals to other agencies for assistance.

**Refugee Resettlement Program:** Carol Grey presented information on the Rawandan family that is due to arrive in Tuscaloosa on April 7, 2017 - mother and father and two small children. Currently awaiting Bishop Baker to sign the Memorandum of Understanding before any further information is available. Fr. Tom will contact Bishop and has volunteered St. Francis Parish to handle the money that is designated for their settlement. Any interested persons who would like to help in this process will give C. Grey their contact information, and she will contact them as she needs assistance in the resettlement.

**Bulletin Board:** Father requested that B. Sullivan get in touch with J. Avery to put contact information by the projects that are ongoing.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** Presentation done on history and needs of Society. It is a relatively new Catholic organization in the Tuscaloosa area and is in need of volunteers, visibility and money. Its purpose is for its members to grow spiritually through service to the needy and suffering. Their contact phone number is [205 561-0282](tel:2055610282)

Next meeting will be April 20th at 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned with prayer.