

GRACE Ministry Meeting May 15, 2022

Meeting called to order by Gary Feger at 11:45 a.m. and was opened with prayer. There were 11 people present at the meeting.

Susan Horn, Secretary was not present, so the minutes of the April meeting were not available to be read.

Jerry Raque gave update on the food pantry. There is still plenty of food available for distribution. Rusty Raque said they are in need of feminine hygiene supplies and Jerry said he would call Clare Vize at the parish office and request that something be put in the bulletin about this.

**Reports from those taking calls from GRACE Ministry help line:**

Theresa French took calls the week of April 25<sup>th</sup>. She had ten calls and was able to help seven - six with rent and she referred to Jerry Raque one call for food.

Judy Feger took calls for the week of May 1<sup>st</sup>. She had nine calls and helped two with LG&E and four, who were sponsored by Fern Creek/Highview Ministries with rent. She referred three calls for food to Jerry Raque.

Gary Feger took calls for the week of May 8<sup>th</sup>. He had 16 calls: one, sponsored by Jeffersontown Area Ministries, for rent; three inquiries for deposits for Section 8 housing and two for food that he referred to Jerry Raque. Gary told the group that he found out from one of his callers that there is a Facebook group that lists GRACE Ministry as being able to help with security deposits for Section 8 housing and he told the caller that we can only help if the caller is sponsored by St. Vincent DePaul, Catholic Charities or an area community ministry or parish.

Patrick Arnett, Treasurer, distributed copies of latest report ending with February 28, 2022 and pledge list for calls from January 1, 2022 through May 11, 2022. He thanked all those who were taking and responding to calls. He said we are above average for the number of calls we are getting and he will continue to give us reports.

Gary Feger asked for nominations for officers. Susan Horn, who was not present, had told us at the April meeting that she would accept the nomination for Secretary. Patrick Arnett said he would stay on as Treasurer. Jerry Raque said he would accept the nomination as President and Gary Feger said he would accept the nomination as Vice President. These were duly noted and voted and seconded.

**Old Business:**

There had been discussions at previous meetings about changing our schedule for meetings to once every three months instead of a monthly meeting on the third Sunday of the month. It was unanimously decided that we will meet quarterly. Our next meeting will be August 21<sup>st</sup>, followed by a meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup> (one week earlier than usual so as not to be too close to Thanksgiving); followed by a meeting on February 19, 2023 and May 21, 2023.

**New Business:**

Jerry Raque gave us the dates for the Christmas basket program. On December 16<sup>th</sup>, the baskets will be filled from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Our Mother of Sorrows gym and on December 17<sup>th</sup>, the distribution of baskets will take place from 6:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Judy Feger said she would co-ordinate with Clare Vize regarding the collection dates for the items for the Christmas baskets so that a bulletin insert could be done in plenty of time and then weekly reminders in the bulletin for needed items.

**Prayers** were offered for Fr. Don Hill, the people of Ukraine and for the 10 victims of the shooting in the New York grocery store. A closing prayer was said.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. The next GRACE Ministry meeting will be held on August 21, 2022.

Minutes submitted by Judy Feger in the absence of Susan Horn.