

Ripples of Hope/Minutes of Meeting

April 11, 2016

1. Note taker for meeting is Elaine
2. Attendance: Kara, Patty, Sandra, Elaine
3. Presentation on **Habitat for Humanity Catholic Build** (thanks Sandra for coordinating):
 - a. Tom Simon of Habitat for Humanity and Tim Mullaney from St Joe's Parish
 - b. 6-8 Catholic parishes get together to build one home for a family to purchase through Habitat for Humanity
 - c. Habitat does all of the planning and organizing, parishes just need to find volunteers (ages 14 & up) for 3 build days and sponsor the lunches those days
 - d. Must commit to a full day on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Saturday (they will give plenty of notice on the dates needed)
 - e. The next Catholic Build will be in Spring of 2017, with an organizational meeting this fall and schedules available in January
 - f. There is a requirement to help fund the build at approximately \$5,000 per parish
 - g. Since we are a self-funded committee with little resources, other opportunities to fund our parish's portion could be through in-kind donations of contractor services (plumbing, electrical, carpet supplier, etc)
 - h. Half day opportunities to volunteer help are available at the Restore; this may also be a way to help fund our portion
 - i. **Rock the Block** is a newer program for Habitat where they work in a community to help fix up several homes in a neighborhood. They are looking to plan for a Kimberly neighborhood near the old paper mill and Holy Spirit in 2017 or 2018. Holy Spirit would be an ideal location to allow them to use our buildings for the 500 volunteers that week (vs Habitat needing to rent a tent and portapotties)
4. The minutes of the 3/14/16 meeting were approved.
5. Kara reported on her findings from **Jake's Diapers** program:
 - a. They sew cloth diapers from 100% cotton t-shirts and microfiber towels and make them in a way that they can be used from birth until a child is potty trained. There is also a need for adult-sized diapers.
 - b. Old suitcases can be donated, they get filled with cloth diapers that are taken to places in need, and dropped off by someone travelling there instead of mailing. If you know someone who gets to Minneapolis, they have a contact there that can take the full suitcases and bring them on mission trips; they just need people to transport a few of these from the Fox Cities to Minneapolis periodically.
 - c. They have a location in Kaukauna that will have days for volunteers to sew diapers and others to babysit children while moms sew
 - d. They also hold a "coffee and cloth clutch" to bring awareness to this program