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Present: Terry Benton, Anna Conca, Janice Rousselle, Anna Skorski, Sue Paquette, Fr. Tim.

Absent: Rita Selby, Pauline Cote, Irene Slezak

Review:

- People served (07.01.14 – 04.12.15): 2,155; (since began counting 12.12.11): 10,517.
- \$5,021 (Out Reach Checking)*
- *Includes monies collected from Poor Box
- Gross income/store receipts thru 04.12.15: \$16,655.01
- Net income thru 04.12.15: \$13,459.54.
- Expenses: \$2,204.19
- Donated to Parish (25%) \$3,996
- Food certificates/cards: \$5,000
- Other: \$8,205.24
- Total payout: \$14,205.24*

*Does not include items given freely, or donated elsewhere.

General Comments:

- Closing the store is not a decision that I normally make. It is up to the person in charge (on the affected day) to either make the decision (if it is last minute) or to place before the other committee members the reason why the store will not be open. (An exception would be, for example, when something is occurring – such as the installation of the floor – that would require the store to be closed.)
- Full people served/financial report. See attachment.
- Heads' up.... Sometime during the summer (it could be as late as the fall) we will be having a company put down a sealant on the parking lot and re-stripping. It might affect store hours.

Other items discussed:

- The only sale at present is the book sale, which is ongoing.
- A concern was raised about customers looking through the (green) bins of children's clothing. A discussion arose that was both pro and con. After a lengthy debate, each person was polled. Four out of the five people present at the meeting was against people looking through the (green) bins. (Fr. Tim did not vote.) However, the group then decided to 'table' the topic for further discussion at the July 21st meeting. As a result, each coordinator is free to continue to decide (on their 'shift') whether or not customers can or cannot look

- through the clothes in the (green) bins. (One concern that was raised was that 'new' items should not be 'sold' for \$.25. Fr. Tim reminded the group that GA is a ministry and not a business in which we are concerned about the 'bottom line.')
- Terry mentioned that a customer had been given 'credit' for an item that he had returned. Fr. Tim reiterated that GA is not allowed to give 'credit'. The customer needs to either choose another item (before they leave the store) or the cost of the item that they had purchased needs to be refunded to them. (GA comes under CTK Corporation. It is the Corporation, therefore, that becomes responsible for the 'credit', and it is an unnecessary risk to the Corporation.)
 - Anna S. raised a concern that she has found clothing that is soiled, ripped, or with holes in them available for purchase. The coordinators were encouraged to remind all volunteers that items – especially clothing – need to be carefully inspected before they are displayed for purchase.
 - Anna S. is presently unable (because of time constraints) to sort clothing and will be unable to oversee some 'shifts'. It was decided that on such occasions when she is unable to oversee a shift and another coordinator is not able to fill-in that the store will not open (e.g. Monday, April 27th).
 - Janice asked Fr. Tim to give the committee a date when they can begin accepting winter clothing. Initially, September 30th was the date given. It was felt however, that an early date was needed. The group settled on August 31st. The group – in conjunction with this discussion – agreed that two (green) bin ONLY of winter clothing can be stored. All other winter clothing and any received will be donated elsewhere (or not accepted).
 - Sue asked – in light of the financial report – if the amount of money being donated to CTK was enough. Fr. Tim indicated that the 25% is sufficient. (He also mentioned that GA funds have also been used for maintenance, repairs, and upgrades to the school building.)
 - Janice broached the subject of GA purchasing a new flag and refrigerator. All were in agreement that the items can be purchased.
 - Anna S. reported that the Greenwood Inn meets the two requirements requested by the committee (glutton free menu items and a separate room). It was decided that the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2015, at the Greenwood Inn. Gathering time will be at 5:30pm.

Next meeting will be July 21, 2015, at 1:30pm in the Parish Center.