

# *Christ the King Church*

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Present: Terry Benton, Rita Selby, Pauline Cote, Irene Slezak, Janice Rousselle, Fr. Tim.  
Absent: Anna Conca, Sue Paquette, Anna Skorski

## Review:

- People served (07.01.13 – 09.29.14): 425 (since began counting 12.12.11): 8442.
  - \$3,996.09 (Out Reach Checking)\*
  - \*Includes monies collected from Poor Box
  - Gross income/store receipts thru 09.29.14: \$4,845.95
  - Net income thru 09.29.14: \$1,622.15
  - Expenses: \$^
    - o ^GA paid \$952.04 toward floor upgrade & to replace the floor mats.
  - Donated to Parish (25%) \$590.77
  - Food certificates/cards: \$1,000
  - Other: \$595.22
  - Total payout: \$1,595.22\*
- \*Does not include items given freely, or donated elsewhere.

## General Comments:

The question: *How is the color coding working out?* generated the following discussion. Terry expressed her disagreement with the process. She didn't feel that it had been 'thought through', nor did she feel that it was necessary. She felt that to code an item at the end of the month (e.g. August 31<sup>st</sup>) the same color as the item that had been coded at the beginning of the month (e.g. August 1<sup>st</sup>) wouldn't give enough time for the item to sell. (Terry did state that she would accept the policy if the rest of the committee members still wanted to do the coding.) After a discussion – that included several other concerns/questions – it was explained that even though an item was coded at the end of a particular month it still was available for a month (at the initial price) before the price was reduced, and it continued to be available for another month at the reduced rate. The committee voted to accept the 'coding policy'.

(As part of this discussion it was reiterated that GA is a ministry. CTK is greatly appreciative of the ministry and the funds that it generates for outreach donations. GA receives all of the items that are in the store freely.)

It is a continuing concern that GA will not have sufficient items should things be donated elsewhere. History has shown that the generosity of people donating items to GA is far greater than items being bought and/or donated. It is for this reason that once an item is in the store three months, it is to be donated to another agency to make room for other items being donated to GA. All at the meeting accepted this way of thinking.

### Other items discussed:

- It was decided that GA will no longer accept TVs. Other electronic items will be reviewed at a later date.
- A concern was expressed that there is little room for Christmas items. It was decided that the following actions would be taken: a.) it isn't necessary to keep everything that is donated to GA (affective immediately); b.) to make room for Christmas items the boys/girls clothing will be combined.
- It was felt that GA had too many jeans for women. (They do not sell as quickly as jeans for men.) It was decided that the number of jeans for women would be reduced by donating these jeans to other agencies.
- A sign was requested regarding dogs in the store. It was decided that no sign is required. Anyone bringing a dog into the store can be politely informed that for insurance reasons no animals (except service dogs) can be allowed in the store.
- A request was made and accepted that the Appreciation Dinner be moved to the Spring Season (May or June) when it is light later in the day. It was also requested that all keep an eye open to possible sites that fulfill the necessary requirements: gluten-free items on the menu, and a separate room for the group.
- It was decided that the any 'spring' clothing being donated to the store be donated elsewhere (rather than being stored at GA) until February 1, 2015.
- The Christmas sale will take place as it was decided (cf. January 2014 meeting): **'Christmas merchandise will be reduced to 50% as of 12.08.14 and on 12.20.14 & 12.22.14 five (5) Christmas items (only) will be free with a purchase of \$2.00 or greater. GA will be closed on the following dates: 12.24.14, 12.27.14, 12.29.14 & 12.31.14.'** The approach will be reviewed at the January meeting.
- It was decided that at the January meeting the following question will be discussed: How much clothing can be reasonably kept (stored)? (One of the reasons this question is being raised is because GA has stored – at least – seven or eight bins of winter clothing for which there is no room in GA.)
- It was decided that Fr. Tim will deal with the kitchen table in the church hall. All other items (save those designated for the Bazaar) will be removed from the hall.

Next meeting, January 20, 2015, at 1:30pm.