

Catholic Charities Yolo Solano

Minutes of May 26, 2022

St. Catherine of Sienna, Vallejo

Present: Jimmy Lago, Chair, Fr. Glenn Jaron, Father Rey Bersabal, Sean Salvatin, Judy Waelbrock, Carolina Estrada, Whitney Galindo, Nutrition Coordinator

Also Present: John Watkins, Executive Director, Miriam Sammartino, Director Catholic Charities and Social Concerns,

Unable to Attend: Deacon Mike Urick, Treasurer, Belinda Smith

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of April 28, 2022, were approved as submitted. A motion to approve was made by Fr. Rey Bersabal and seconded by Judy Waelbrock.

Call to Order by Chair Lago at 6:35 P.M.

Opening Prayer offered by Judy Waelbrock

Cal Fresh Outreach: Carolina Estrada introduced Whitney Galindo, Nutrition Coordinator for Cal Fresh. Whitney is a nutritionist student at UC Davis working with Cal Fresh Outreach.

Cal Fresh Outreach, located in Vallejo, is a non-profit serving all people regardless of religion, race, citizenship based on per family income. They offer an intergenerational curriculum with 20-minute nutrition classes. Cal Fresh Friday is on Facebook and Instagram. Cal Fresh is visible at Farmers Markets and recently at a Health Fair in Suisun (Kroc Center). Cal Fresh Healthy Living provides access to water, fruits, vegetables, and gardening. They opened their first client centered food pantry office in Vallejo.

Financial Statement: Deacon Mike was unable to attend and John Watkins, Executive Director, reviewed the accounts receivable. There is a little over a million dollars in the account. We still have a \$189,000 deficit with Solano County from the rental assistance program. The account is 90 days overdue, and we will eventually be paid. We are working with auditors to keep out of litigation. United Way was waiting for our reports before paying their bill of \$56,000, also for rental assistance.

Fund Raising Committee: Judy reported that the first fund raising committee meeting was held on May 18, 2022. Present were John Watkin, Jimmy Lago, Sean Salvatin, and Judy Waelbrock. Judy was nominated chairperson for the committee. The committee has a fund-raising goal of \$170,000 and needs 100 new donors separate from Catholic Charities Annual Appeal donors. The committee meets again on June 10 after the retreat, to brainstorm ideas to raise money

and identify specific needs of CCYS. Fr. Rey is Dean of Yolo Solano County. Fr. Rey suggested endowments and a need to recruit new board members at the Pastors' meeting.

Retreat: The annual retreat is set for June 10 from 10-2 with a Pentecost theme of Mission. Jimmy and John drafted an agenda. Fr. Rey is leading the opening prayer. We will review the Agency Plan, look at what we currently do and how it fits into the Agency Plan. Looking forwards: Raise money, grow programs in companionship with God and community.

Executive Director's Report: New hires: Guadalupe, immigration person for Yolo, 1 person for disaster preparedness, 1 person for case management. We also need to hire an attorney for immigration and legal.

Food Pantry Expansions: Hunger relief ministry; over 3,000 meals per month at St. Catherine and St. Vincent. We need to connect with the Food Bank through Catholic Charities to support parishes. We received a Listos Grant of \$300,000 for disaster preparedness outreach in Yolo Solano Counties. We will collaborate with Stockton as they have case managers; we have clients but no case managers.

Respectfully Submitted by Judy Waelbrock