

St. Vincent de Paul Social Concerns Commission Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2021 – Sacred Heart Chapel Parish Center Main Room, 6:30pm

Members (place an X if in attendance)				
x	Susan Walker	X	JoAnn Martin	
X	Turf Martin	X	Marge Watson	
X	Fr. Joe Corel	X	Sr. Mary Ruth Wand	
AGENDA TOPIC		DISCUSSION SUMMARY		ACTION ITEMS
Opening Prayer				Said by All
Minutes from last meeting				Approved
Tithing for May & June		<u>May \$2591.20</u> Open Door \$1000 Open Door Meat \$100 Mercy Center \$1000 CASA \$200 Embassy \$115 TOTAL: \$2415 <u>June \$2239.99</u> Open Door \$1000 Open Door Meat \$100 Mercy Center \$1000 CASA \$200 Embassy \$115 TOTAL: \$2415		
CASA		Turf Martin spoke about CASA and all of the services they offer: Citizens Against Spouse Abuse, Inc. (CASA) has been part of the domestic and sexual violence movement since it was incorporated in 1983. Created by a group of concerned citizens, we began with a 24-hour volunteer based, hotline service, and purchased our first shelter in 1986. We provided safe housing and personal support at that facility for eight years. In 1994, we purchased and moved to a new home, which is a 7500 square foot commercial facility. With a 1996 Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) project, we were able become debt-free of our commercial mortgage. We have been fortunate to remain in this same facility for 27 years. This facility is open 24/7/365. It has 8 residential bedrooms and		<u>Donations Needed</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Summer (all sizes) • Volunteers • Cleaning supplies • Paper towels • Toilet paper • Laundry detergent • Trash bags

bathrooms that can house as many as 40-45 individuals, however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are currently only running at half capacity. The facility further houses 10 full-time and 5 part-time staff members.

Over the last 38 years, CASA has grown to offer a broad range of services, including sexual violence advocacy and resources. Today, CASA is proud to offer the following programs to its clients:

- 24-hour toll free, emergency hotline;
- Adult and child case management;
- Resources and referrals for community organizations and agencies;
- Emergency food and shelter operated 24/7/365;
- 24-hour, on scene, crisis response to domestic and sexual violence;
- Transportation services;
- Outreach case management to support families living independently;
- Community-based domestic and sexual violence education for area professionals, civic groups and youth;
- Court advocacy and assistance with civil and criminal proceedings;
- Individual therapy for adults and children;
- Community support group for domestic and sexual violence survivors;
- Volunteer training and development;
- Educational internships and practicum's for graduation track collegiate students;
- Spanish and Russian Outreach services and interpretation for victims.

2020 Stats

- 3,316 emergency, crisis hotline calls received
- 150 women and 79 children resided in our shelter facility
- 2,777 nights of safe shelter provided to those residents

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 106 women and 22 children turned away from our shelter because we were at capacity • 20 men turned away from shelter because we do not currently house men • 899 women, 64 men, and 35 children received non-residential, outreach services • 2,708.5 hours of case management services provided • 1,508.25 hours of crisis intervention services provided • 142 adult, survivor support groups held with 214 women and 7 men attending • 298 free therapy sessions provided to women, men and children • 669.25 hours of court advocacy services provided and assistance with 126 full orders of protection issued • 518 hours of Spanish interpretive services provided • 14 community awareness presentations facilitated for 589 community members 	
Mercy Center	Fundraising going well.	Race to be held in memory of Ron Ditzfeld this summer with proceeds to benefit Mercy Center. Dan Lester is now on board of directors.
Health Ministry	<p>Report from health Ministry</p> <p>Healthy luncheons were discussed: Some of our volunteers are having health issues and won't be able to help with the luncheons. With Marge and I gone quite a bit it was decided not to hold the monthly luncheons from October to April.</p> <p>The decision was to have a Luncheon and an early supper in early November (date not determined at</p>	

	<p>this time). The topic will be Reconnecting in our parish after COVID. One luncheon at 11:30 on a Wednesday (with babysitting) and an early supper for those working at 5:30 with babysitting. This would allow those working to go directly to the supper from work and then home for the evening. Dan Lester will be contacted to be the speaker on how we keep our mental health good with social contact. (He needs to be contacted)</p> <p>Attendance will be encouraged and all bring a friend.</p> <p>Bereavement: Journey through grief booklets were ordered by Bev and will seek reimbursement from the Health Ministry Grant. Reimbursement was approved.</p> <p>There are only 2 bereavement baskets in the office. Bev will try to get more made this weekend.</p> <p>Meals to new parents: No coordinator at this time. Marge will contact Camille to see if she has the list of volunteers. We will then seek someone to help us access Take them a meal and set it up again.</p> <p>Need to schedule training on the AEDs – Usher meeting date??? We do have parishioners trained in instruction.</p> <p>Extension Programs: Bev talked with Susan Jones-Hard from Henry County. There are several free programs. Will get more info on A matter of Balance. JoAnn attended a walking or balance program with her mom and it was fun. This program is free and needs 5 participants.</p> <p>Show me Healthy Women program – JoAnn reported that the grant was renewed for fall.</p> <p>Again, information will be in the bulletin for those eligible for free screening mammograms (50 and over) or pap smears (40 and over)</p>	
Thanksgiving Dinner	Deacons will be lead coordinators.	Will need volunteers.
St. Patrick Christmas Tree	Same as last year.	
Closing Prayer		
Next Meeting Date	September 14, 2021 – 6:30pm Parish Center SH	

