

Minutes of the April 23, 2019 food pantry meeting

Attendance: Lorraine Atkinson, Katie Bell, Janet Bertelsen, Mary Clark, Dave and Tami Ebner, Therese Frana, Judy Jakes, Pam Jameson, Mary Krueger, Barb Loken, Kathy Majewski, Joe and Carol Melde, Nick and Kathy Nicklaus, Lisa Reid, Carol Reider, Jerry Rood, Warren and Marlene Schneider, Phyllis Wilson, Dave Wolf, Sister Bridget, Kathy Warzynski

Sister Bridget opened the meeting by leading the group in prayer. The minutes for the February meeting were approved as written.

Carol Reider gave the food distribution numbers since the February meeting. The highest number for distribution was 22 and the lowest number was 8, with an average of about 16 per distribution. Carol Reider also noted that we continue to see new guests.

Judy Jakes reviewed current inventory at the pantry. There is an excess of vegetables, soup, and pasta; cereals, meats, and spaghetti sauce are in short supply. Judy encouraged everyone to pack creatively, putting together items that can be used to make meals.

Kathy Majewski said that she will be sending an e-mail asking for dates that people are not available in preparation for developing the next schedule, which will run from June through November.

Lisa Reid reviewed the Scouting for food drive on March 9. The scouts delivered the food to the pantry and also helped with sorting/shelving. This operation ran from 10:30 am to 12:15 pm. The pantry received about the average number of items. The Knights of Columbus "Cleanliness is next to Godliness" hygiene drive brought in about 2500 items over the Lenten period, and the Knights will be donating \$1 for each item collected on Palm Sunday.

The Riverland Energy Coop food drive was held again at their annual meeting, which was March 30; food has yet to be received. Since our last meeting, the pantry has also received food donations from FMB Trailers and Town and Country Title Co., and monetary donations from the New Amsterdam Presbyterian Church and from Charlotte's Bridal.

The date has been set for the Holmen Middle School food drive; Lisa Reid passed around a sign-up sheet for those who could transport and sort food on Friday, April 26, beginning at 8 am. A sign-up sheet was also circulated for those who could help with the post office food drive on May 11. Greg Jameson's tennis team will be available to help with moving the post office totes. About four vehicles and five sorters/shelvers are needed for that drive. The hours are usually 2:30 - 7pm, due to the time that the letter carriers usually return from their routes.

The pantry will be one of the recipients of the Coulee Region Hunger Walk that will take place in the fall. If any food pantry committee member wants to participate in their meetings, contact Carol Reider or Therese Frana.

The date of the next meeting is September 19, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the gathering space. At the close of the meeting, we said the Easter Prayer; the meeting ended at 7:22 pm.

After the meeting closed, a drawing was held for tomatoes plants that Therese Frana had started.

Respectfully submitted April 24, 2019.

Kathy Warzynski