

MINUTES of Syrian Refugee Committee

Date: November 29, 2017

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Place: In Father Barry's House Basement

Attending: Paulette Haines
Ann Galloway
Brenda Dunn

Karen Bethune
Bev Sheppard

The meeting opened with prayer.

1. **DISCERNMENT:** As a result of the outcome of the discernment process, a vote determined that the Al Zohbi family's prescriptions and needs would best met by the Pharmasave since the Moulton's are members of the parish, the records being kept in one place, the ease of picking up prescriptions, and the availability of a pharmacist after hours in emergency situations.

2. **COMMUNICATION:** Karen Bethune has offered to be the School Liaison and Team Lead for Integration into the Community. Paulette offered that anyone on any team is able to deal with issues that might arise while being with the family. The teams are able to call any other team lead if the family needed drives or if there was an issue at the home that the landlord would need to be contacted for. If the issue is urgent and cannot be resolved, then please call the coordinators either Paulette or Karen.

New team list will be circulated for parishioners and teams. Paulette will forward as attachment to the minutes. And have Jean Smith post on the website.

3. **New WEBSITE:** A review of the ProtoPage site was demonstrated and discussed and will prove to be an asset for scheduling appointments, transportation arrangements, etc. Here is the website for anyone to use to update notes instead of the chat on messenger.
<http://www.protopage.com> use password-AlZohbi-2017 Once you save it to your bookmarks, it will open for anyone to edit or just read.

4. **ON-LINE TRANSLATOR:** There is a tablet in the box of English Training supplies whereby an application for translation (Arabic/English) which will serve as an aid.

5. **English Training:** Alice O'Neill had sent an update that the English training has been very positive. We considered taking Dec 22 off as there is only a 1/2 day of school. (Bertha and Pam share Friday-they can decide). There will be no

more training during the Christmas break. Will resume in January once children are back to school. Alice to contact her team.

6. CALENDAR: Nov. 29 - Dec. 6: Scheduling and transportation was discussed and it was determined that the next Committee Meeting will be December 13, 2017 at 7 p.m. and that bi-weekly meetings may suffice at this time.
7. SEASONAL FUND-RAISERS: It was considered that seasonal fund raising may be a method to raise funds but we will take a break until the spring.
8. CHRISTMAS SEASON: Lions Club has been sent a letter from Paulette to request some financial support, especially to help pay for the new washer we purchased for \$565.00.
8. QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS: Budget was briefly discussed. And it will be brought forward to the next meeting.