

SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE – MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 26, 2014

**In Attendance:** Mary Barnes, Mary Jo Crouch, Jerry Crouch, Peggy Dryer, Luisa Dunn, Charlie Farnsworth, Flora Funk, Sister Lavern Olberding, Anne Pacheco, Mark Pacheco, Denise Pippin Nancy Ryan, Christina Santos. Bridget Slatten.

**Not in Attendance:** Dennis Andolsek, Father Jim Poulsen

*Christina Santos was welcomed as a new member. A prayer for peace followed.*

**Minutes of the September 14 meeting** were e-mailed to all members that week. There were no additions or corrections. (Copies were made available for review.)

**Review of La Mesa Fair Trade Shopping Event**

- Proceeds from coffee & donuts (\$118.25) will be used for printing expenses
- Donations from vendors will be used for Fair Trade promotion
- All agreed the event was very successful • suggested ending time for next year-1pm
- An evaluation form was sent to all participating vendors

**The Catholic Worker Update** (Denise)

- Annual dinner & auction – Saturday 11/15 @6pm (St. Mary Magdalene Parish Hall)
- Sponsoring a “holiday drive for the homeless” with a request for donations of socks & light weight blankets /throws (can be left at school office – 11/3-11/7)
- Denise will let us know the Spring schedule of speakers sponsored by CW.

**Franciscan Peace Connection Update** (Sr. Lavern)

- Agreed that Ministry of Social Justice will co-sponsor and support several of the activities planned by FPC
- Previous: Kathy Kelly “Voices for Peace”
- Upcoming: “Active Nonviolence 101” (4th Saturdays); “Taking Care of Myself” (1st & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays); “Outdoor Lunches” (weekly on Tuesdays)
- Special event: “Sisters to Sisters” for women in sober living homes. A free shopping event to be held December 6 @ O.L.P.H in Lakeside. Donations of clothing, jewelry, picture frames, gift items, etc. are needed before November 14. Contact Sr. LaVern for more information and/or if you can assist with sorting, set-up, etc.

**Christmas Gifts for Children in Responsibility School**

- A check will be sent to Responsibility (David Lynch) for the amount collected in the October “loose change” so that gifts can be purchased as needed.
- In addition, 50 “Santa Request Letters” will be taken care of within our parish & school.

**Additional Events Coming Up:**

- Responsibility Gala –11/7@ UCSD Faculty Lounge (\$100 per person)
- “Voices for Justice” – TH 11/20 – 7:30-9:30 am – SD Convention Center (\$50)
- “Matthew: 25” Awards Event sponsored by Catholic Charities – TH 11/20 - Mass and Dinner at USD (previous SM award recipients: Anne Pacheco, Margaret Cauchon, Charlie Farnsworth. This year’s nominee: Nancy Ryan (thank you ☺))
- Fair Trade Gift Faire – Sat. 12/3 -9am-3pm @ Vista La Mesa Church

### **Ministry of Social Justice Representative on Pastoral Council**

- Seen as important so as to draw parish together on ministry efforts such as Lenten program, etc. and for communication regarding our purpose, projects, meetings.
- Flora Funk volunteered to be our representative.

### **Suggestion Regarding the Lenten Program:**

- Make this a more parish wide event
- Form a planning committee of representatives from various groups/ministries

### **Trip to Casa De Los Pobres in Tijuana ( [www.casadelospobresusa.com](http://www.casadelospobresusa.com))**

- Luisa & Jim Dunn are setting up a trip up for Saturday 11/22: • Two cars will be going (room for 8)
- Bringing donations of thermal jackets

### **\* Book Recommendation: (Anne)**

Rebuilt: The Story of A Catholic Parish (Nativity in the Baltimore MD Archdiocese)  
"Awakening the Faithful, Reaching the Lost, Making Church Matter"  
by Father Michael White and Tom Corcoran  
(watched short video of homily by Fr. White)

### **Additional Items:**

- ◇ Will Glunt is interested in starting "St. Paul Street Evangelization"  
(website: [www.streetevangelization.com](http://www.streetevangelization.com))
  - It is a grassroots, non-profit Catholic movement.
  - Suggested that Will meet with Sr. Lavern to see if it might be coordinated with something that is already being done by Franciscan Peace Connection store front.
- ◇ Charlie Farnsworth is continuing the work that was done by Margaret Cauchon in relation to Western Service Workers. They have requested attending on of our meetings.

**Next Meeting: Sunday, December 14 @ 10:15am**

(Minutes submitted by Nancy Ryan – 10/27/14)

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### **\* FYI:**

*There is a follow-up book, by Michael White and Tom Corcoran (2013)  
Tools for Rebuilding: 75 Practical Ways To Make Your Parish Better*

### **Principles/tactics include:**

- Get the Right People on the Bus
- Christmas Is Over, So Throw Out the Dead Poinsettias
- Stop Advertising (Other People's Stuff) in Your Bulletin
- Don't Let the Insiders Take All the Good Seats
- Just Because It's Slow Doesn't Mean It's Holy
- When It Comes to First Communion, Just Surrender
- Funerals Are Scud Missiles
- Preach the Announcements
- Start Getting Rid of Fundraisers
- Everything Takes Longer (Than You Think)
- Stop Trying to Make People Go to Church and Make Church Matter

