

SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE – MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 9, 2014

In Attendance: Dennis Andolsek, Mary Barnes, Jerry & Mary Jo Crouch, Peggy Dryer, Mark & Anne Pacheco, Nancy Ryan, Bridget Slatten

Not in Attendance: Luisa Dunn, Marilyn Frater, Father Jim Poulsen, Sister LaVern

◇ Minutes of 2/19/14 meeting were reviewed and approved (previously e-mailed)

◇ An updated roster of members was distributed, including e-mails and phone numbers.

◇ Procedures, sign-ups, etc. for Friday evening Lenten meals were discussed and sign-up sheets were distributed. Each evening will include a DVD presentation of the Country designated in the CRS Rice Bowl Lenten Guide and a meal related to that country. Recipes were distributed.

- Luisa will provide a rice dish for all but the first evening. Nancy will provide the rice for 3/14.
- Mary Jo and Jetty will provide the salad and prepare the drinks (lemonade & coffee)
- About five to six members will prepare the dish for each Country featured.
- Anne will check the cupboard (hall) for supplies (plates, cups, napkins, etc.)
- All are needed for hosting the evening: set-up, (beginning at 5:15), clean-up, greeting, counting donations, etc.
- Donations for dinner will be accepted at a table at the entrance. Rice Bowl boxes will be on each table for donations for CRS.
- The program will consist of DVD's on the country, preparing the recipes, etc.

◇ The following ministries were suggested for member and parish involvement: “Build a Miracle”(building homes in TJ), Catholic Charities, Father Joe’s Villages (serving a meal), Interfaith Rotational Shelter for homeless families, (hosted by Vista La Mesa Church).

◇ Anne will provide information regarding a possible April trip to TJ, sponsored by “Build A Miracle”, for those who might like to participate.

◇ A report of the “loose change” collections and disbursements was distributed for review. Each month’s collection has been sent to the respective ministry. It was decided to add the amount contributed the first weekend of March to the CRS Rice Bowl. Loose changes boxes will be out for each weekend Mass during Lent with the designation for CRS Rice Bowl.

◇ Collection of Rice Bowl boxes, donations, etc. will begin two weeks prior to Easter.

The procedure for collections need to be determined. It was suggested, previously, that there be baskets for the deposit of donations and they might be brought forward during the Offertory procession at Sunday Masses.

◇ A future meeting date was not yet determined since all will be involved each Friday with the meals and presentations.

◇ The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 and followed by Mass. Thomas Awaiapo of Ghana, employed by CRS, spoke about CRS Rice Bowl briefly at the end of Mass and then shared his personal story of the impact CRS made on his life at 6:15 p.m. He expressed gratitude for the generous contribution of \$9,000 that our parishioner contributed thorough the Rice Bowl program during Lent in 2013.

Minutes submitted by Nancy Ryan