

**SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE – MEETING MINUTES
MAY 31, 2015**

In Attendance: Dennis Andolsek, Mary Barnes, Mary Jo Crouch, Jerry Crouch, Charlie Farnsworth, Flora Funk, Sister Lavern Olberding, Anne Pacheco, Mark Pacheco, Denise Pippin, Father Jim Poulsen, Nancy Ryan, Bridget Slatten

Not in Attendance: Peggy Dryer, Christina Santos

Prayer: CRS prayer for the people of Nepal

Minutes of the February 1, 2015 meeting: Reviewed with no corrections or additions. (previously e-mailed)

Lent Overview / Evaluation: (suggestions)

- ◇ Continue to look for parishioners, as potential speakers, who are involved in various ministries
- ◇ Rice Bowl Kick-off Parish Family Dinner scheduled for 2/12/2016
- ◇ For CRS Rice Bowl: Make envelopes more available, but also encourage use of the rice bowls for donation of coins also (especially in regard to children)
- ◇ R.B. donations were \$7,552 (parish), \$1,656 (school) for a total of **\$9,209**.

“Build A Miracle” Opportunity:

- ◇ It was agreed to elicit support of parishioners for both donations and visits / assistance in T,J,
- ◇ Dates available for visits are 6/28, 7/5, 7/18, 8/2. A group from our SM committee plan to go on June 28.
- ◇ It was suggested that we have a parish bulletin insert about the project and involvement opportunities and also that we check the website.

Community Garden Progress:

- ◇ Preparations are underway for raised beds, soil preparation, and request for donations from merchants.

Loose Change Collections (report distributed)

- ◇ Donations to CRS for the Nepal emergency (May) totaled \$1,807.20
- ◇ It was requested that the June collection be for International Relief Teams efforts in Nepal (replaced the plan to have donations designated for Responsibility Summer Camp. (children in TJ dump site school)

Future Loose Change Donation Designations

- ◇ Decided: 1) designate three months at a time; 2) Add in “Build A Miracle” and International Relief Teams.
- ◇ July: Responsibility Summer Camp; August: Hogar Orphanage & ASF; September: Catholic Worker (Western Service Workers

Summer Lunch Program:

◇ La Mesa Interfaith Council sponsors a program for children that is held at Vista La Mesa Community Church beginning June 22. Sr. Lavern explained the schedule. There is a training meeting for those who might be interested in participating as a “captain” for a week, Tuesday 6/2. Lunch is served at 11:30 each day, M-F. Activities are also included.

Enhancement of Communication / Information for parishioners:

◇ The parish bulletin, the website, and further development / use of technology were discussed in light of maximizing communication. It was agreed that it is important for parishioners to know what various groups / ministries are involved with, etc. and that information should be kept current and be made easily available.

Save the Dates:

- ◇ Sunday, September 20, 2015 – International Day of Peace – Aztec Park
(Sponsored by La Mesa Interfaith Council)
- ◇ Sunday, October 11, 2015 – Fair Trade Gift Fair – Parish Hall
- ◇ Friday, February 12 – Parish Family Dinner – CRS Rice Bowl Kick-Off

Next Meeting:

- ◇ **Sunday, August 16, 2015 @ 10:15am**
(Refreshments provided by Dennis ☺)