

SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE – MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 1, 2014

In Attendance: Dennis Andolsek, Mary Jo & Jerry Crouch, Peggy Dryer, Flora Funk, Anne & Mark Pacheco, Denise Pippin, Father Jim Poulsen, Nancy Ryan, Bridget Slatten

Not in Attendance: Mary Barnes, Luisa Dunn, Marilyn Frater, Sister LaVern

Lent Program Review

Ten surveys were received, compiled and reviewed. (handout)

Committee Suggestions for Lent 2015:

- ◇ Continue with Friday evening presentations to include: 1) simple meal recipes from CRS along with the video about the respective food & country, 2) a guest speaker from a local ministry. Suggested that at least one of the ministries be a beneficiary of the 2013 grant from CRS Rice Bowl. ◇ Timeframe: 5:30-6:45p.m.
- ◇ Have a Lenten CRS Rice Bowl Kick-off dinner on a Saturday evening prior to the beginning of Lent. Partner, for the dinner, with K of C, and other parish groups. (i.e. school, youth, etc.) Show video & have guest speaker addressing work of CRS and explanation of Rice Bowl as a Lenten program.

Report of Loose Change and Lenten Dinner Collections (handout)

It was noted that the donations for Friday evenings during Lent totaled \$719. (dinner and the respective country) The dinner expenses, in addition to what was donated, were \$162.00.

CRS Rice Bowl Collections:

- ◇ Suggested that envelopes be printed, available throughout Lent, and attached to each cardboard rice bowl for the return of cash and bills. (CRS Rice Bowl – c/o St. Martin of Tours Church) Encouraging families to total amount collected in boxes and write checks for that amount.
- ◇ Weekly “loose change” boxes would be designated for Rice Bowl each weekend of Lent.
- ◇ Two Sundays at the end of Lent would again be designated for the collection of the donations with announcements at the end of Mass and member of SM present by the collection areas. (front doors of the church & loose change boxes) After those weeks there would be bulletin announcements that donations not yet returned can still be turned in.
- ◇ The final amount for this Lent won't be known for another few weeks but it is estimated to be approximately \$8,900.

Ministry Designations for Monthly “Loose Change” collections:

- ◇ Previous: Responsibility Summer Camp; Casa De Los Pobres; Hogar Infantil/Augustinian Scholarship Fund; Culture of Family Life Services; Catholic Charities; CRS (Rice Bowl), Responsibility “Santa Letters”.
- ◇ Suggested that we find an alternative / modification to the “Santa Letter” procedures / concept and discuss our reservations / ideas with David Lynch, Director.
- ◇ Additional suggestions for ministry designations or deletions would be discussed at a subsequent meeting.

Visit to Casa De Las Probes – Report by Flora Funk

Flora described the facility which is administered by nuns and staffed by volunteers in Tijuana. It provides comprehensive services including daily meals (lunch), medical, food and medicine distribution, counseling, job placement, etc. Flora, and the members of our committee that have visited there, agreed that Casa de Las Probes is well deserving of whatever donations we can make there.

Catholic Worker – Report by Denise Pippin

Denise will be our representative at Catholic Worker meetings. CW was founded by Dorothy Day and the movement has been active in San Diego for many years. They support many local ministries that serve the poorest of the poor. Many of the priests and lay men and women in our local Church have been involved with CW over the years.

“We Gather” Complete Communication Network for Parishes – Report by Anne Pacheco

We are currently participating on a trial basis, (school, SM, & 9am choir group), to see if this is a program that would be proposed for total parish involvement: The goal of the WG is to enhance parish communities through online communication tools such as e-mail, posting of events, RSVP's, community calendar, committee meeting communication, posting of meeting minutes, etc. Anne emphasized that privacy is secured and the process is safe and free. Both she and David Edgar attended the training. Members of our committee are encouraged to register online.

Update on Fair Trade (Report by Nancy Ryan)

We are encouraged to continue with our support of FT as a systemic way to alleviate poverty and enhance the lives of those in developing countries who are suffering. We will again be sponsoring a Fair Trade Gift Fair in the Fall.

Franciscan Peace Connection: “Campaign Non-Violence”, “Outdoor Lunch Program” and “Summer Feed the Children” (Sister LaVern was to report on these activities but was unable to attend the meeting. She will follow-up with an e-mail.)

Optional, Suggested Activities for Involvement: (Summer)

- St. Vincent del Paul Villages (serving a meal)
- Tour of Casa de Los Pobres with Father Pepe (let Anne know if interested)
- “Build a Miracle” trip to TJ to help build a house (no dates scheduled at this time)

Additional Comments:

- ◇ Bridget attended the Culture of Life Family Services' fund-raising tea at the Prado May 16.
- ◇ Dennis announced that approximately \$100 has been donated to COLFS. (baby bottle) at coffee and donuts.

Next Meeting: Sunday, September 14, 2014 @ 10:15

(Please note change from September 7 as stated at the meeting.)

Handouts: ◇ Minutes of 3/9/14 meeting ◇ Lent Survey Results ◇ Loose Change and Lenten donation report ◇ Responsibility Summer Camp info. ◇ “We Gather” information flyer

(Minutes submitted by Nancy Ryan – 6/2/14)