

SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE - MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 16, 2015

In Attendance: Dennis Andolsek, Mary Barnes, Kathleen Baustista, Sandy Cajigas, Mary Jo Crouch, Jerry Crouch, Charlie Farnsworth, Flora Funk, Sister LaVern Olberding, Anne Pacheco, (Chairperson), Mark Pacheco, Father Jim Poulsen, Nancy Ryan, Christina Santos, Bridget Slatten

Guest: Father Achilles **Not in Attendance:** Denise Pippin

Prayer: CRS prayer *"Because We Are Yours"*

Minutes of May 31, 2015 meeting: Reviewed with no corrections or additions. (previously e-mailed)

"Build A Miracle" Report:

- ◇ Cost of house = \$10,000 + cost of furnishings = \$3,000
- ◇ Collected in August appeal = \$4,742.91
- ◇ On Sunday, October 11 there will be a speaker after the 7, 9, and 11am Masses.
- ◇ Since that is the Sunday of the Fair Trade Gift Faire, it will also will be promoted and there will be a tie- in with both.
- ◇ Paper ornaments with donation options for "Build A Miracle" will be distributed at the Masses as a "Giving Tree". It was suggested that instead of a tree that there be a model house. (Pictures of designated family, also)

"Loose Change" Monthly Collection Designations:

- ◇ September: "Rachel's House" (Catholic Charities)
- ◇ October: Culture of Life Family Services (CLFS)
- ◇ November: Responsibility Schools (T.J. or Nicaragua)
- ◇ February: CRS Rice Bowl ◇ To Be Decided: Dec., Jan., April, May, June

Financial Report of Donations July 2014-June 2015: (distributed for review)

- ◇ Approved as insert in future parish bulletin
- ◇ Summary of totals: CRS Rice Bowl = \$9,209.23; regular monthly "loose change" = \$8845.77; Lenten Speaker Series = \$840.00 ◇ **Grand Total = \$18,895.00**

United Nations International Day of Peace

- ◇ Sunday, September 20, 2015 - 3:30 to 5pm @ Aztec Park – corner of Aztec and Morocco
- ◇ Sponsored by Interfaith Council of La Mesa (all congregations asked to participate)
- ◇ Theme: "Partnership for Peace – Dignity for All" – Color: light blue
- ◇ Peace related activities geared for all ages
- ◇ Inviting participation of all faith traditions as speakers / need contacts for some

La Mesa Fair Trade Gift Fair

- ◇ Sunday, October 11, 2015 – 8am to 1pm – parish hall
- ◇ Many FT vendors will be present along with Ben & Jerry's (with free samples of ice cream)
- ◇ "Build A Dream" will be represented
- ◇ SJM will not host coffee and donuts that morning instead it will be done by the Academy .

"Save the Family" Project (Diocese of Kasana-Luweero, Uganda) – Father Achilles

- ◇ A community involvement endeavor to promote improving quality of life among families in need. (education, disease prevention, water, etc.
- ◇ Suggestion to coordinate with CRS, Propagation for the Faith, etc. to focus on this project. (see post – meeting notes that follow)

Community Garden Update (report distributed)

- ◇ Master gardener and coordinator – Richard Zasueta
- ◇ Each class at the school will participate ◇ Boy Scouts asked to build planting boxes
- ◇ Applications for grants are in progress (Sue Johnson)
- ◇ Donations from various businesses and organizations are coming in.

Upcoming Events: (handouts distributed)

- ◇ Conference for Church Ministers: Saturday September 19 @ Mater Dei Catholic High School
• 7:30 registration • 8:30 Mass • 10:15 keynote followed by workshops
- ◇ Voices for Justice Breakfast: "Who Will Speak If We Don't" – Tuesday, Nov. 17 (7:30-9:30am)
San Diego Convention Center

Next Meeting:

- ◇ **Sunday, November 15, 2015 @ 10:15am**

(minutes submitted by Nancy Ryan – 8/25/15)

Post - Meeting Notes (from Anne Pacheco) E-mailed 8/24

This is a follow up from our meeting last Sunday.

- ◇ The loose change report will be in the bulletin of Sept. 6th.
 - ◇ To follow up with Fr. Achilles, the *Save the Families* proposal is attached.
 - ◇ After our meeting, he connected with the Kent Peters from the Social Ministry office at the Diocese, CRS West office and has the email for the Uganda CRS office. (Catholic Relief Services) We also sent an email to Uganda office. He met with Walter Lam, president of Alliance for Africa located here in San Diego. He has made some good connections and will keep us informed of his progress.
 - ◇ Sandy has sent two emails to invite our Jewish neighbors to the International Day of Peace. We hope they will come and participate! (San Diego Jewish Academy and Chabad Hebrew Academy) - Thank you, Sandy!
 - ◇ We now have over \$9000 for our "Build A Miracle" home. We will give you more details in the next few weeks and build dates.
 - ◇ Christina will speak at our next meeting about her volunteer work at juvenile hall.
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