

St. Martin of Tours Social justice Ministry
Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2018 @ 10:15 am

Members Present: Dennis Andolsek, Mary Barnes, Jerry Crouch, MaryJo Crouch, Flora Funk, Anne Pacheco, Mark Pacheco, Nancy Ryan, Monique Clifford, Deacon Al Rosker, Sandra Inferrera

Members Not Present: Sr. Lavern Olberding, Denise Pippin, Bridget Slatten, Dorothy Kwiat, Rose Masters, Christina Santos, Charlie Farnsworth, Kelly O'Brien

Prayer for Peace and Justice

Update / Evaluation of CRS Lenten Rice Bowl and Speaker Series
(suggestion follow)

Diocesan Creation Care Network

Our parish is now enrolled in this follow-up / implementation of Pope Francis Encyclical "Laudato Si". Coortinator is Christina Santos. Banner was viewed.

Documentary: "Pope Francis A Man of His Word"

It is currently in theatres and highly recommended. Monique will check availability for those of us who would like to attend. Hopefully it will also be in a DVD format soon. (see suggestion that follows)

Build A Miracle Report (Jerry Crouch)

- ◇ Third house and beauty salon were completed successfully. Donations covered all expenses.
- ◇ Many parishioners were involved in this community effort
- ◇ Interaction with T.J. families as neighbors / friends is an enriching experience.
- ◇ Pictures have been posted on parish website and Face Book page.
- ◇ A new Community Center opened in May.
- ◇ The families living in the three houses we have built want to host us for a visit.
- ◇ The next kickoff for fundraising, etc. for a fourth home will be in December or January

Diocesan "Walk for Life" (January 20, 2018)

Flora Funk and Mary Barnes participated.

San Diego Catholic Charities Refugee Services "Share the Journey" (#sharejourney)

Handouts were distributed: Wish List, volunteer opportunities, Frequently Asked Questions, etc.

Care for Homeless in San Diego

St. Vincent De Paul Villages is holding a walkathon event "A Short Walk Home" on August 4, 2018. Deacon Al is going to head a team for our parish. Information will follow.

Diocesan Office for Social Ministry

Kent Peters is retiring. The Office is being restructured as "Justice, Life, Immigration". The radio show @ 1000am is currently off air.

Interfaith Awareness Week: "Sharing the Light: interfaith Youth Awareness Program"
August 5-12.

Sr. Lavern is going to be involved and is encouraging the participation of La Mesa Interfaith Council and our SJM members, especially at the event on Sunday, August 12. A handout with all the events of the week was distributed.

Fair Trade Gift Fair

The Fair is scheduled for Sunday, October 14 in our parish hall. All are encouraged to attend.
(More information will follow.)

Financial Report: Loose Coin, CRS Rice Bowl, "Build A Miracle" (handout distributed)

Some updates related to Build A Miracle need to be made. The estimated balance after all expenses incurred is \$400-500.

Summary Suggestions / Recommendations:

Continue with Lenten CRS Rice Bowl in 2019 but do not have collection boxes out every weekend.

For Friday night Lenten series consider showing of Pope Francis movie and then follow-up each week with "Care for Creation" themes.

Continue with "Build A Miracle" house builds in Tijuana. Begin publicity and fundraising for fourth home in December or January.

Participate as a parish team for "A Short Walk Home" sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul Villages. The August 2018 "loose change" collection will be for this.

Continue with monthly "loose change" designation of donations and information regarding various ministries. (Designations to be decided by SJM.)

Suggest a list of diocesan / parish collections throughout the year so as to avoid conflicts and an overload of requests of donations.

Deacon Al suggested that we listen to the homily given by Cardinal Tagle at the 2018 L.A. Conference. (a link to access that was sent to all).

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 am. With a prayer led by Deacon Al Rosker

Next Meeting: Sunday, August 26 @ 10:15am

Minutes submitted by Nancy Ryan 6/27

