

Minutes of St. Martin of Tours Social Justice Committee

Sunday, January 27, 2019

Members Present:

Dennis Andolsek, Mary Barnes, Jerry Crouch, Mary Jo Crouch, Charlie Farnsworth, Flora Funk, Sandra Inferrera, Sr. LaVern Olberding, Anne Pacheco, Mark Pacheco, Nancy Ryan, Christina Santos, and Bridgett Slatten.

Members Not Present:

Monique Clifford, Rose Masters, Denise Pippin, and Deacon Al Rosker.

Update on BAM:

Jerry Crouch spoke about the current balance in our BAM account. As of today, we have \$5,705.00. He will be contacting Julianne North soon about possible dates for the upcoming build in the Spring. BAM received a generous gift of \$200.00 from the Small Faith Community of OLPH via Mary Woody. A thank you card was passed around so we all could sign it and pass it along to this generous organization. Jerry also shared a Christmas card from the Espinoza-Villa Family, our last build in 2018, thanking everyone and wishing us a blessed Christmas.

Share the Journey:

Flora Funk, Mary Barnes, and Anne Pacheco attended the Share the Journey event. This program lasts from Sept. 2017 – September 2019. Immigrant families are seeking refuge and the process is reviewed, their living conditions, prior to the process and future goals

Lenten Program:

There was an in-depth discussion about who would be our speakers for the 2019 Lenten Program. Hector Casanova will be making the Fish Tacos each Friday during Lent, through April 05. Sr. LaVern will coordinate the details for the meals for Taize, at a later date. The kickoff will begin Friday, March 8 featuring the Rice Bowl recipes from CRS. Rice bowls with recipes were passed out. Flora would like everyone to email her their choice of dish they will make and bring. The following was approved for the calendar of speakers:

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| 1. Rice Bowl Dinner | March 08 (Future Speakers will be announced) |
| 2. "Laudato Si" | March 15 (Christina will speak) |
| 3. Caring for Our Neighbors in La Mesa | March 22 (Anne will coordinate) |
| 4. SMA Youth On The Environment | March 29 " " |
| 5. BAM | April 05 (Jerry will speak, youth participation) |
| 6. Taize | April 12 (Sr. LaVern) |

LMUMC:

Anne let us all know that the La Mesa United Methodist Church was able to get services for 60 people. It would be great to see the SMA also get involved supporting this group. Sr. LaVern passed out small flyers about the Last Saturday of the Month and all the services they can offer. She also told us how grateful the people at the church were. An invitation was extended to all to go and visit on the last Saturday of each month to experience the gratitude and fellowship of all the guests.

Sister LaVern expressed thanks to all that participated in the dinner at the Vista La Mesa Church in January.

Care for Creation:

There was much discussion on the theme for our Lenten Program. Many ideas were brought to the table regarding the environment. We did agree that we all want the youth of our Academy and Parish to get more involved. Sister LaVern suggested the kids could talk about what they can do. Also suggested videotaping the dinners. Nancy suggested Rice Bowls, Fair Trade, conscious raising on all levels.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Handouts:

Rice Bowls

Loose Coin Accounting'

Donations needed for LMUMC

Flyer Announcement for Last Saturday