

SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE
MAY 21, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Dennis Andolsek, Mary Barnes, Monique Clifford, Jerry Crouch, Mary Jo Crouch, Flora Funk, Father Chris Kintanar, Dorothy Kwiat, Sister LaVern Olberding, Anne Pacheco, Mark Pacheco, Denise Pippen, Deacon Al Rosker, Christina Santos, Bridget Slatten,

Members Not Present: Kathleen Bautista, Lourdes Calderon, John Clapp (moved out of the area), Esteban del Rio, Charlie Fransworth, Barbara Knorr, Rose Masters, Linda Murray, Ladywinnie Oulanyah, Jennifer Perry, Father Jim Poulsen, Genevieve Suzuki

Meeting started 10am with Prayer and review of minutes from February 19, 2017.

Lent Review: Time changed to 5:30pm seemed to workout better, as well as the Kick-off dinner and having samples of meals from India, Zambia, El Salvador, and Ethiopia, on the first Friday. Donations increased this year for CRS. We will go back to one speaker at a time. It was also suggested that we should hand out rice bowls at each Mass on Ash Wednesday and that all bowls should be blessed at each of the following weekend Masses. To increase attendance a suggestion was made to let people know by e-vites as a reminder. People may opt to receive the e-mails. Father Chris is open to announcements during Lent at the end of Mass as a reminder of Friday night dinners and speakers. Breakdown of speakers from Lenten dinners, along with suggestions and comments from people who attended. Most comments were positive.

Loose Coins

Decision for the CRS Rice Bowl program to keep coins and not to emphasize so much on checks. Most people prefer coins especially the kids. Carla, Flora and Mary don't mind counting the coins. The hope will be that the parish office will be able to take the rolled coins to the bank. It was decided to have one donation box out each Friday during the Lenten speaker series. This was suggested by someone who attends dinners. Revisit the fact of the parish make a donation (\$200.00) for each speaker. Thank you to Mary Barnes, Flora Funk and Carla Peterson for counting the loose coins.

CRS

CRS Director sent a Thank you note and acknowledgement for Saint Martins. The Thank you note will go in the bulletin next weekend.

SDOP- Dorothy Kwiat

San Diego Organizing Project - nonpartisan, multi-faith federation of thirty-one congregations who take care our community needs. Dorothy went into details as to how this organization has help families in need. Folders were handed out with more explanations and invitations to attend ameeting to discuss community needs. (La Mesa Methodist Church 5/22 at 6pm) If you can't make the meeting mail your supervisor, an envelope was handed out. Dorothy stated that San

Diego County has \$1.9 million in cash just sitting in the bank.

Upcoming Events

Anne Pacheco suggested having a retreat for Social Justice Group so as to learn more about social justice & Catholic Social Teachings and to be able to explain to others what our group is all about. Sister LaVern will organize the retreat sometime in August.

BAM: Jerry Crouch praised all the volunteers for all the hard work which has been done so far, Jerry talked about how the donations came in quicker and about a woman who read about the organization from The Southern Cross and donated \$65,000 to St Gregory's to build more houses. The finished home and blessing will be done on May 27th by Father Jim Poulsen. Anyone coming needs to meet at 7am in church parking lot.

Responsibility, Inc.

Taco Fiesta for the David Lynch Schools- May 28,2017 invite Dennis Andolsek, Flora Funk and Lauren will attend the event. The purpose of the event is to be able to send a child who lives in the old Tijuana dump to summer camp.

Other Thank You's

Thank you to Flora who spoke on behalf of the social ministry to the RCIA group and to Christina, who with Anne, talked to the Confirmation group about social justice and fair trade. Thank you also to Dennis, Dorothy and Christina who greeted and welcomed those who parked or car-pooled to St. Martin's to "Get on the Bus".

Handouts

Minutes from February 19,2017 , Loose Coin collection /CRS Rice Bowl/BAM coin summary, For a Better World booklet, San Diego Organizing Project Folder, invite for David Lynch's Responsibility, Inc Taco Fiesta.

The Meeting adjourned at 11:30am

Minutes submitted by Flora Funk

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