

SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE - MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 15, 2015

In Attendance: Dennis Andolsek, Mary Barnes, Sandy Cajigas, Mary Jo Crouch, Jerry Crouch, Flora Funk, Sister LaVern Olberding, Anne Pacheco, (Chairperson), Mark Pacheco, Father Jim Poulsen, Nancy Ryan, Marisol Sanchez, Christina Santos

Not in Attendance:

Kathleen Bautista, Esteban Del Rio, Charlie Farnsworth, Denise Pippin, Bridget Slatten

Prayer: Pope Francis "A Prayer for Our Earth"

Minutes of August 16, 2015 meeting: Reviewed with no corrections or additions. (previously e-mailed)

"Build A Miracle" Report: (www.buildamiracle.net)

- ◇ To date \$16,500 has been raised. (\$3,500 weekend of 10/11/15 appeal)
- ◇ Build dates for Zuniga family home – 1) Sun. 1/10/16 – mix concrete to pour pad;
2) Sat. 2/6/16 – insulation & drywall; 3) Sun. 3/13/16 paint, furniture, etc.
- ◇ Approximate times 7am – 5/6 pm
- ◇ An e-mail will be sent to all who have signed up as a reminder on Dec. 10th.
- ◇ Suggestions for future: • have just one appeal • schedule when there are not other appeals
 - keep parishioners informed, year round, through bulletin announcements, etc.
 - have pictures of finished house displayed

Next "Loose Change" Monthly Collection Designations:

- ◇ December: Hogar Orphanage & Advancing Students Forward (Augustinian sponsored)
- ◇ January: Casa de las Pobres
- ◇ February: CRS Rice Bowl
- ◇ To Be Decided: April, May, June

CRS Lenten Rice Bowl 2016

- ◇ Parish dinner to launch the program – 2/12/2016 (first Friday of Lent);
suggestions/plans to be discussed at January meeting
- ◇ 75% of all collected goes to CRS for programs throughout the world; 25% is given in the form of grants to programs in the local diocese that aid hunger and the alleviation of poverty.
- ◇ This year a \$10,000 grant was awarded to the project "So Others May Eat" for their two dining sites: 1) Sacred Heart Parish (OB) and 2) Mary Star of the Sea (LJ)
- ◇ Suggestions: • have grant recipient speak at one of the Lenten speaker dinner evenings
 - focus on countries being designated at the launch dinner • try to find persons who have been missionaries in each respective country to speak on the evening that country is featured
 - facilitate return of Lenten boxes by attaching return dates, etc. on each box.

Lenten Dinner /Speaker Series 2016

- ◇ Fridays: 2/19, 2/26, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18
- ◇ Each evening: fish taco dinner, Rice Bowl country & food of the week, speaker representing an outreach ministry
- ◇ A list of previous speakers was reviewed. **Please e-mail suggestions for this year to Anne.**

Community Garden Update

- ◇ Master gardener and coordinator – Richard Zasqueta
- ◇ Application / grants have been submitted (2)
- ◇ Planting bed (1) is completed.

Prison Ministry Report

- ◇ Christina Santos reported on her work at Kearny Mesa Juvenile Detention Facility and, among other things, of the need for a place for children to go when they are released. Christina is working to become a chaplain through the Diocesan Prison Ministry program.
- ◇ All agreed that we would like to have Christina speak at one of our Lenten Friday evenings.
- ◇ It was also suggested that there be a reference to the work being done by Robert Mascato and “Children of the Immaculate Heart” (previous speakers 2015: Grace Williams & Rob Mascato)

Sisters- To- Sisters Accessory Party – 2015 (Sr. LaVern)

- ◇ A handout with the information / dates regarding opportunities to help out was reviewed.
- ◇ The guests, approximately 60, are men and women in transition who are from: 1) TLC facility (EC), 2) Serenity Place (Escondido), 3) McAllister (EC), 4) In His Steps (Ramona)
- ◇ The event is scheduled for December 4-5 @ OLPH in Lakeside – 10:30-12:30
- ◇ Whoever can help, donate, etc. please contact Sr. LaVern

Interfaith Shelter Network “Shelter Matters

- ◇ This is a rotational shelter hosted by various churches throughout the county.
- ◇ Vista La Mesa Church is hosting January 16-30, 2016. (opens each evening at 5pm and guests leave by 7am each morning.) All guests are prescreened.
- ◇ Volunteers are needed to spend night and /or provide, serve meals.

Pro-Life (Marisol Sanchez)

- ◇ Marisol was asked to bring information to our committee from the Diocesan Pro Life Commission, (i.e. walks and other activities, etc.)
- ◇ It was suggested that we encompass all aspects of pro-life.

**Next Meeting:
Sunday, January 3 @ 10:15am**

(minutes submitted by Nancy Ryan – 11/21/15)