

**SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE – MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 1. 2015**

In Attendane: Dennis Andolsek, Mary Barnes, Charlie Farnsworth, Flora Funk, Anne Pachecho, Mark Pacheco, Denise Pippin, Father Jim Poulsen, Nancy Ryan, Christina Santos, Bridget Slatten

Not in Attendance: Mary Jo Crouch, Jerry Crouch, Peggy Dryer, Sister LaVern Olberding, (Luisa Dunn has had to resign due to family obligations.)

Prayer: Blessings for the New Year

Minutes of the December 14 meeting, (e-mailed 12/15), were distributed and reviewed.
(Correction: peace instead of peach, p.2)

Upcoming Loose Change Collections:

- ◇ Casa de los Pobres (this weekend)
- ◇ CRS Rice Bowl (each weekend during Lent)

CRS Rice Bowl Procedures: (timeline, collection procedures)

◇ Rice Bowls will be blessed and distributed the weekend before Ash Wednesday , (2/14, 2/15), at the end of each Mass. The congregation will be asked to either come forward to pick one up or pick one up outside church when leaving.

◇ Rice Bowls for the school children will be blessed at the 8:30 Mass on Ash Wednesday. The teachers will come forward to receive them for their respective class.

◇ Self addressed envelopes will be inserted inside each rice bowl. The envelope will have a label which states when the donations will be collected and that checks should be made payable to St. Martin of Tours Church – memo line: CRS Rice Bowl. We are encouraging parishioners to total the amounts in the bowl and write a check for that amount. Or they may turn in the bowls with money inside.

◇ Donations, apart from the cardboard rice bowl, can be made throughout the Lenten Season in the Loose Change boxes.

◇ The major collection of rice bowls and/or envelopes will be on Palm Sunday, March 28-29). Baskets will be in the gathering plaza and brought forward at the offertory. Another, hopefully final, collection will be the weekend after Easter, April 12-13.

Parish Family Dinner: - “Launching Rice Bowl: A Lenten Journey”

◇ Date / Time / Place: Friday, February 20 - 5:00-6:30 – Parish Hall

◇ Casanova Fish taco dinner will be served; will need assistance in selling the tickets at the entrance to the hall. There will be two ticket/ dinner options : 1) two tacos, 2) one taco. Anne will find out the price. There will also be a choice of grilled or fried tacos.

◇ We need to do an inventory of dinner supplies / decorations: table cloths, placemats, rice bowl centerpieces, etc.

◇ Will have samples of the dish of one of the countries featured in the rice bowl guide and show the video of the preparation of that dish. (so as to reference the Rice Bowl guide)

◇ Want to stream promotion video of CRS Rice Bowl and CRS, in general. – Christina will assist with this .

Lenten Speaker Program & Taize Prayer Service

◇ Anne distributed and reviewed the proposed flyer that will be in the parish bulletin the weekend of March 14-15. There are four ministries / speakers for the Friday evening series, (2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20). There will be a fish taco dinner beginning at 5pm, followed by the presentation at 6pm. Stations of the Cross will be at 7pm.

◇ The Taize Prayer Service will take place on Friday, March 27. All are invited to experience the peace of contemplative worship that incorporates music, song, and silence. Sr. LaVern is coordinating the evening which will include a simple meal prior to the service.

◇ Rob Moscato and Grace Williams, two speakers scheduled for March 13, (Dentention Ministry & “Children of the Immaculate Heart), are going to be on Immaculate Heart radio (AM 1000) Wednesday, 2/4 @ 11am. Grace has a fund-raising event at Our Lady of the Rosary Church on Friday 2/13 to benefit underage survivors of human trafficking.

Project related to homelessness:

Denise Pippin reported on a research study that she is doing with her eighth grade students at SMA. It involves learning about the homeless situation in San Diego and also will involve a variety of projects that increase awareness and opportunities to reach out. She will let us know how we might support some of the outreach activities.

Parish Use of Fair Trade Coffee:

Anne reported that there would be a change of brand, on a trial basis, from Equal Exchange to Nectar of Life.. Both are in partnership with CRS Fair Trade which means a portion of the income received is returned to CRS for community development in impoverished areas. St. James Parish (Solano Beach) currently uses the Nectar of Life brand

Volunteers Needed!

Anne distributed a sign-up sheet for assistance with the February 20 Parish Family Evening, the Speaker Series, and rice bowl preparations for the Masses on 2/14 – 2/15. She asked that we take it home, consider what we might be able to help with, and then let her know.

Additional:

Fair Trade San Diego County will have a table at a “We Empower Her” walk on March 8th at Mission Bay. More information regarding the organization and the walk is available on www.weempowerher.com

The meeting concluded at 11:20am

Minutes Submitted by Nancy Ryan – 2/2/2015

Handouts:

- 1) CRS & Rice Bowl & Family Dinner flyer (parish bulletin insert 2/1)
- 2) Rice Bowl timeline, collections, etc – information sheet
- 3) Friday Evening Lenten Program / Speaker Series flyer (bulletin insert)
- 4) Rice Bowls and Guides
- 5) Sign-up sheet

