

Saint Martin of Tours Ministry of Social Justice
MINUTES 8/21/16

Attendance: Dennis Andolsek, Mary Barnes, , Mary Jo Crouch, Jerry Crouch, Charlie Farnsworth, Flora Funk, Rose Masters, Sister LaVern Olberding, Anne Pacheco, Mark Pacheco, Denise Pippin, Christina Santos

Not Present: Kathleen Baustista, Sandy Cajigas, Esteban Del Rio, Father Jim Poulsen, Nancy Ryan, Marisol Sanchez, Bridget Slatten

1. Loose change – summary and discussion of ministries for 2016-2017.

Suggestions for 2016-2017: –Casa del Migrante, The Catholic Worker and will consider Western Service Workers Association San Diego as we get more information. Suggestions included a sign for Barry & Parish kitchens to donate food that is left over (donuts or from events) to the WSWA. Charlie or Mary will take it to WSWA when contacted. The sign would not be intrusive and would include their phone numbers and the address/phone to WSWA.

New member, Rose offered to take over the accounting of loose change & Lent.

Sept. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Baton Rouge Emergency Relief

Oct. Casa Del Migrante

Nov. The Catholic Worker

Dec. _____ Jan. _____ Feb _____

March . CRS Rice Bowl April CRS Rice Bowl May _____ June Responsibility

2. International Day of Peace 9/25– volunteers were requested to help bring tables to the event and invite others to come. Sr. LaVern went over the event. A pdf was sent by email to get the word out and share on social media to all committee members. Denise, Mary Jo, Jerry and Mark offered to help bring tables and set up. Event will be in the parish bulletin.

3. Race to End Human Trafficking Break Free Run 10/8 Anne will send Susan Skinner (Youth Group Director) the information. Christina offered to spearhead the run with the Youth Group if they decide to participate. Anne will contact the Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts. Event will be in the parish bulletin. Academy students may also be involved. Everyone was invited to participate and share the event with others.

4. Fair Trade Gift Faire – set up Sat. afternoon 10/15 (parish hall) Sun. 10/16 assist where needed at the event. An email will be sent out requesting volunteers for set up on Sat. All Fair Trade vendors have been reserved that we had last year plus 2 new vendors. SD Family Magazine will be having an article in the Oct. issue. Pictures have been sent and the staff writer and editor are excited to feature this event! The Daily Californian will also feature this event.

5. “Build a Miracle”– Jerry, Mary Jo and Flora helped with paint and moving furniture for a family receiving their new house last Sunday. The family was extremely grateful. They had lunch with Eloy, Veronica, Santiago & Jesus. (our St. Martin family) Jerry & Flora said the family looked much better than what they looked like before. (Skin color was better, etc.) We would like to start fundraising in January. Will need approval from Father to begin. Also need to know the date of the Catholic Appeal so there would be no conflicts. St. Martin’s is in the current issue of the Southern Cross. We even have a thumbnail picture on the front page!

6. Ministry Fair 11/13 – tabling in the Gathering Plaza for the anniversary of the parish. We scheduled our next meeting for 11/6 to prepare for the ministry faire and plan for 2017. Save the dates!

7. Feeding the Homeless in La Mesa 8/27 (La Mesa United Methodist Church • 4690 Palm Ave) 10am-12pm. (Last Sat. of each month) Sr. LaVern explained the services provided. Volunteers always welcome. A pdf was emailed to all members of information to give out to any homeless person that we come across.

Date for next meeting: Sunday, Nov. 6th

Misc: Mary shared information on the Holy Door at St. Jude Shrine of the West encouraging us to participate this beautiful ceremony. 9/17@ 10am • 10/15 @ 12pm • 11/19 @ 10am Info: 619-264-2195

Handouts: minutes, summary of loose change collection 2015-2016 & current accounting, Casa del Migrante crisis, International Day of Peace, Race to End Human Trafficking, Abolishing the Death Penalty information sheet, Practical Steps for Congregations Working against Human Trafficking - (to be discussed at the next meeting)