

MEETING DETAILS

Description: Justice and Charity Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: March 1, 2018

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Location: SJN

Co-Chairs: Debbie Andrews and Kathy White

Members: Debbie Andrews, Kathy White, Tom White, Lorna Smith, Bob Brezinski, Bob Cooley, Tim Dulac

- **Present:** Debbie Andrews, Mirla Conlon, Bob Brezinski, Joe Keating (second half of meeting), and **Guests:** Ann McLoughlin and Matt Blaser
 - **Absent:** Lorna Smith, Tim Dulac, Bob Cooley, Tom White
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OPENING ACTIVITIES

- Opening Prayer
- Introductions
- Review/Approve previous minutes: Approval of January minutes had been completed previously by email.
- Overall Committee Mission/Purpose: We seek to provide opportunities for parishioners to deepen their Knowledge of Catholic Social Teaching and engage in social ministry experiences that invite parishioners to loving service for those in need both locally and globally.

MINISTRY DISCUSSION & UPDATES

Ministry Name... Ministry Fair Recap

- Overall positive response
- Very positive response to the DACA postcards. The Parish purchased the postcards and mailed the signed postcards to our legislative Reps.
- Political issues can be spiritual issues with regards to human dignity.
- Mirla forwarded volunteer sign up information to the ministry leaders for follow-up
- The JCC Ministry Fair was very large and will have its own Ministry Fair next year.

Ministry Name... Building the Common Good

- The ministry is in need of new volunteers.
- Suggestions for increasing volunteers for this ministry were presented.
- From the sign in sheets of past program attendees, reach out (phone and/ email) and personally invite them to join this committee.
- Consider joining with other Catholic Churches such as Mary Mother or St. Thomas Beckett

Ministry Name... Empty Bowls

- Fund raiser for the Open Door being held on March 8th.
- The Open door serves hungry in Dakota County
- For the fundraiser, artisans make clay bowls and for a \$20 donation you receive your bowl with soup and bread provided by area restaurants. Last year over 200 people attended.

- There will also be an art raffle.

Ministry Name... Pilot Knob Clean-up

- A new ministry leader has been found

Ministry Name... Database Discussion

- Purpose of the Database to keep volunteers that have signed up connected. Provide a way to make sure volunteers have been contacted.
- Provide the parish the ability to search and contact volunteer parishioners with other opportunities.
- The JCC Committee co-chairs will reach out to Ministry Leaders to obtain their volunteer lists.
- Suggestions:
 - Make sure the Ministry Volunteer database info is consistent with New Parishioner or SJN Email registrations so that parishioners do not have to fill out multiple forms
 - Suggested to put on new Parishioner or SJN Email registration a place to indicate if they would like to be contacted about getting involved
- Concern: Keep track of how often volunteers are contacted so that they aren't overwhelmed

Ministry Name... MICAH

- MICAH meets the 2nd Tuesday every month
- SJN will be hosting the 2019 Legislative Breakfast – date TBD

Agenda Item 2... MN Catholic Conference

Long Range Plan Focus Area: Integrating Justice and Charity Ministries within the entire life of the parish.

Short Term / Current Year Goal/Objective(s): Educating the parish about Catholic Social Teachings and related current issues.

Discussion: We want to be able to plan ahead for activities. We took a quick look at the website. March 6 is Homeless Day on the Hill.

Action/Decisions Made: Bob Cooley has volunteered to be the SJN point of contact for the MN Catholic Conference. This will provide a way to plan upcoming events that coordinate with the St Paul Dioceses.

Agenda Item 3... Faithful Shepherd E-newsletter

- Brief discussion on providing SJN activity information to Faithful Shepherd for their E-newsletter. Everyone was in favor, no responsibility assigned at this time.

Miscellaneous

- Bulletin Announcements – Mirla needs information 2-3 weeks prior to the event date so that announcements can be worked into the bulletin.

Next Meeting: May 3, 2018