ST. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MEETING DETAILS

Description: Justice and Charity Meeting Minutes
Date: November 12, 2019
Time: 7:00pm
Location: St John Neumann
Attendees:

- **Present:** Debbie Andrews, Mirla Conlon (Staff), Michael Schmidt (Parish Council), Becky Williams, Kathy Groettum, Tim Dulac
- **Absent:** Bob Brezinski, Bob Cooley, Matt Blaser, Ann Blaser, Lorna Smith

OPENING ACTIVITIES

- Introductions
- Review/Approve previous minutes
- Overall Committee Mission/Purpose – Provide opportunities for parishioners to deepen their knowledge of Catholic Social Teaching and engage in social ministry experiences that invite parishioners to loving service to those in need both locally and globally.

Agenda Item 1…

Committee Chair Transition:

- Debbie Andrews has informed the committee that she will need to step down as committee chair due to her moving out of state and leaving the SJN community.
- Bob Cooley has graciously expressed interest in taking the role of committee chair moving forward.

Agenda Item 2…

Goals Discussion (with the four pillars of stewardship):

- Continued discussion on aligning Justice and Charity Committee goals with 4 pillars of stewardship
- Brainstorming of ideas on how to connect Justice & Charity ministries to other ministries throughout the SJN community. Would like to connect with leaders of other committees to discuss process of joint ministry planning.

  Hospitality
  - Committee members to extend personal invitation to an event via phone, email, in person at church such as during Donut Sunday.
  - Name tag to wear at Mass for committee members

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Formation

- We would like to explore how to incorporate our speakers into Faith Formation curriculum in the future. J&C committee to better understand Faith Formation curriculum in order to help facilitate future discussions

Prayer

- Emphasis opening and closing prayer at every ministry event
- Committee members commit to each other personal prayer and reflection for J &C related issues 2-3 times per week

Service

- Continue existing programs
- Be open to new opportunities if needed

MINISTRY DISCUSSION & UPDATES

- Families Moving Forward-
    - 2019 – hosted in Jan and June- 2 families in January, 3 families in June
        - Not able to host to capacity, concerns on dwindling numbers
        - Program has changed- only get families if Hennepin county shelters are not full
    - Redirect efforts to focus efforts on housing issues/shelters in Dakota County
    - SJN is funding meals once a month at local shelter
    - Committee Voted to discontinuing relationship with Beacon/Families Moving Forward and donate SJN FMF suppliers materials to Dakota County Shelters- Dakota Woodlands, Martrix, Lincoln Place, Guardian Angel, Link
- Building the Common Good
    - Jan 13 next event on Immigration
- New Mission to Venezuela-
    - Archdiocesan mission- SJN requested to sponsor a number of seniors- medication, etc ($50/month/ senior)
    - Proposed to include two or three seniors in Giving Tree Program next year
- Just Faith
    - 9 people in current group
    - Begin promotion of phase 2 which starts January 2- bulletin, online, newsletter

- Recycling
    - We are looking to apply for a grant to bring on recycling program at SJN and are considering options to put effective program leadership in place prior to moving forward
- Angel Tree
    - 8 people working on it, delivering to MN prisoner families
- Immigration, One Body, Faithful Citizenship
    - Meeting last weekend -One Body – group started (ISIAH) to promote immigration issues – Catholic churches
- Thanksgiving Baskets for Open Door- not supported as part of faith formation program this year, perhaps reconnect again in the future

CROSS-COMMISSION REQUESTS AND UPDATES

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AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING (Date…)

- Next Meeting Tuesday January 14 7:00-8:30pm