

## MEETING DETAILS

**Description:** (Committee Name) Meeting Minutes

**Date:** March 12, 2019

**Time:** 7:45-8:45 pm

**Location:** St. John Neumann Church – room 2

**Chair:** Interim Chair – Debbie Andrews

## Members

- **Present:** Debbie Andrews, Bob Brezinski, Ann Blaser, Matt Blaser, Bob Cooley, Tim Dulac, Lorna Smith Mirla Conlon, Joe Keating (part of meeting)
  - **Absent:** Kathy Groettum
  - **Guest:** Becky Williams
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## OPENING ACTIVITIES

- Opening Prayer
- Review/Approve previous minutes – approved by email
- 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.
- Parish Pastoral Council Update – Faithful Shepherd presentation and updates presented during supper.

## Agenda Item 1...

**Long Range Plan Focus Area:** (Identify) Evaluate the social justice ministries to focus on areas for improvement and strategies to address changing needs.

**Short Term / Current Year Goal/Objective(s):** (Identify) – Families Moving Forward Ministry Updates and Discussion.

## Discussion:

- The Families Moving Forward ministry leader presented information about the program
  - Information about how the program has changed
    - Pattern of only sheltering 1-2 families (instead of 3-4 as in the years past).
    - Role of Hennepin County in the program is increasing.
    - Need in Dakota County is increasing
  - Information about the volunteer experience
    - Volunteers plan meals and activities and the family/ families may/ may not participate.
    - Approximately 50 volunteers (430 volunteer hours) for hosting.
    - Volunteers interested in serving people in the Dakota County community.
  - Training – Difficult to find VIRTUS trained volunteers



- We will be looking at how to increase participation at the Matrix temporary shelter in Dakota County

**Action/Decisions Made:**

- Motion was made to not register for hosting in 2020 and re-evaluate.
- Unanimous vote by members present.
- St. John Neumann will be serving out our 2019 commitment schedule (hosting in June 2019).

**Agenda Item 2...**

**Long Range Plan Focus Area:** (Identify) 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.

**Short Term / Current Year Goal/Objective(s):** (Identify) Educate the parish about Catholic Social Teaching and related current issues.

**Discussion:**

- We discussed events and ministry opportunities for volunteering that are available the next couple of months and how we can communicate this information to Justice and Charity volunteers.

**Action/Decisions Made:**

- Continue to communicate as we have been doing.

**FURTHER MINISTRY DISCUSSION & UPDATES**

**Ministry Name...**

- *JustFaith* –
  - Immigration module in-process – 8-weeks – 20 participants.
  - Planning getting started for 2019-2020.
  - Catholic Community Foundation offering funding of JustFaith for one program per parish.
  - Bob B. agreed to lead the ministry until the fall of 2020. A new ministry leader will be sought summer of that year.

**Ministry Name...**

- *MICAH* breakfast 730-9am at SJN on 1/30/19 – Cancelled due to weather

**Ministry Name...**

- *Building the Common Good:*
  - 2/4 at 7pm: Open Door program with Jason Viana (Director) was cancelled due to weather. Lorna is working on scheduling for Fall 2019.
  - Empty Bowls Event – 803+ participants, Open Door raised \$25,000.



### **CROSS-COMMITTEE REQUESTS AND UPDATES**

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### **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

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**Next Meeting:        Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30 pm**