ST. JOHN NEUMANN
CATHOLIC CHURCH

MEETING DETAILS
Description: Justice and Charity Meeting Minutes
Date: September 10, 2019
Time: 7:30-8:45 pm
Location: St. John Neumann Catholic Church – Room 2
Chair: Interim Chair – Debbie Andrews
Members

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

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OPENING ACTIVITIES

- Introductions
- Committee Chair – would like a co-chair.
- 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.

Agenda Item 1…
Goals Discussion (with the four pillars of stewardship):

- Formation - Educate the Parish about Catholic Social Teaching and related current issues.
    - Examples – JustFaith (JustFaith and Engaging Spirituality), Building the Common Good (goal of 6 presentations).
    - Welcome new ideas and ministries as a way of formation.
    - Share information about Catholic Social Teaching.
- Service – Provide experiences that broaden and deepen parishioner involvement in various Justice and Charity ministries.
    - Examples – Loaves & Fisher, Feed My Starving Children (FMSC), Matrix
- Hospitality
    - Recognize volunteers (Charity & Justice Recognition Breakfast).
    - Thank ministry leaders.
    - Thank volunteers at Mass (recognize).
    - Open invitation to participate in ministries (also invite other churches).
    - Encourage volunteerism in ministries of other committees.
    - Interest in sharing ministry information at tables in the gathering space after Masses.
- Prayer
    - Examples – Engaging Spirituality, JustFaith spiritual component

Action/Decisions Made:
- Reviewing goals (no motion to approve goals at the meeting).

Agenda Item 2…
Ministry Fair – October 12-13th
- Ministry Fair is for all Committees and Ministries. Mirla with be sharing "Save the Date" with leaders. Materials from ministries can be shared.

FURTHER MINISTRY DISCUSSION & UPDATES
Ministry Name…
- *JustFaith* – Bob B.
    - Catholic Community Foundation offering funding of programming.
    - Sign-ups are in-process for Just Faith and Engaging Spirituality.

Ministry Name…
- *Building the Common Good:*
    - 10/14 – Hunger Awareness – Jason Viana, Executive Director from the Open Door, at 7 pm.
    - 11/4 – Dakota County Temporary Homeless Shelter – Kristen Brown and Subi Ambrose from Matrix Housing Services at 7 pm

Ministry Name…
- *Recycling* - Updates from meeting with Erin Hertog, consultant with Dakota County.

Ministry Name…
- *Angel Tree Ministry* – Eight people interested in participating.

Ministry Save the Dates…
- *Stove Project* – September 15–November 1, 2019
- *Fair Trade Sale* – Saturday, November 9 from 10 am – 5 pm
- *Giving Tree* – November 9–December 2 or 8
- *FMSC* – October 15 from 6-7:30 pm; FMSC MobilePack 2020 January 26–February 1 with various dates and times
- *MICAH* – Legislative Breakfast January 29 from 7-9:30 am

CROSS-COMMITTEE REQUESTS AND UPDATES
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AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING
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Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 12 at 6:30 pm