

MEETING DETAILS

Description: Justice and Charity Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: January 4, 2018

Time: 6:45 – 8:40 pm

Location: SJN

Co-Chairs: Debbie Andrews and Kathy White

Members: Debbie Andrews, Kathy White, Tom White, Lorna Smith, Bob

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Bob Cooley, Tim Dulac

- **Present:** Debbie Andrews, Mirla Conlon, Bob Brezinski, Bob Cooley, Tim Dulac, Tom White, Kathy White
 - **Absent:** Lorna Smith
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OPENING ACTIVITIES

- Opening Prayer
- Review/Approve previous minutes: Approval of November 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... Dakota County Temporary Homeless Shelter

- Meal Volunteers are going well. For the previous 2 dinner events hosted by SJN guest's served ranged between 20 and 30 individuals. Next hosted meal Sunday, January 13, 2018
- Per information received, the Shelter is averaging about 45 people. Since it opened, 90 different individuals have been served
- Volunteers are still needed for laundry and morning aides
- As of our meeting, there was still a need for a host church from Feb 3-16
- Personal Story: One guest was suffering from liver cancer and had requested prayers as they awaited further testing.

Ministry Name... Families Moving Forward

- Our next guests are scheduled for January 14-21, 2018
- Training for Ministry leaders and overnight hosts will be provided on Jan 11th
- The link for volunteer sign up is available in the Parish bulletin and on the Parish web site.

Ministry Name... Micah

- Legislative Breakfast meeting will be held in the SJN Social Hall Wednesday morning January 10, 2018
- Kathleen Groettum has organized the event, Fr. Dennis will say the opening prayer and Mirla Conlon will welcome attendees.

- Set-up help is requested for January 9th from 2:00 – 5:00 pm

Ministry Name... Giving Tree

- \$22,700 in donations were received
- 17 families were adopted. All levels of parishioner involvement were present. From one family of 5 being adopted by 3 people to one parishioner requesting a big family and volunteering to take on any additional. Mirla shared a story of one family's need of a laptop for her children's school requirements. They requested no other gifts. The laptop request was fulfilled by a parishioner along with additional gifts for the whole family.
- A \$5000 donation was received at the end of the year. This money will be divided between 5 different organizations.

Ministry Name... Pilot Knob Clean Up

- Ministry leader has stepped down. We will try to recruit a new ministry leader at the February Ministry Fair

Ministry Name... Just Faith

- Hunger for Change – A Faithful Response to Food Insecurity is an 8 week module that will begin Tuesday evening January 23, 2018. Facilitators will be Tim Dulac and Lisa Harvey. Bulletin announcements along with SJN Upcoming Events Emails will provide information. In addition, a poster has been displayed on the Bulletin Board, Fliers are available and an information tables will be staffed after masses Jan 12th and 13th.

Ministry Name... Building the Common Good

- Meeting at SJN on January 29, 2018. Mike Rios from Catholic Charities will speak on Racism and White Privilege in a presentation entitled "My Skin and Me"

Agenda Item 2... MN Catholic Conference Dream Act postcards

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: Immigration Sunday - January 7, 2018. The Catholic Bishops of the State of MN are holding a campaign to sign postcards which will be sent to our Legislators regarding the Dream Act.

Action/Decisions Made: Bob Brezinski will send information to Mirla for a bulletin announcement. In addition, a link will be sent out through the SJN weekly email blast. Bob will also look into obtaining postcards to have available for signatures at the upcoming February 11th ministry fair.

Agenda Item 3... February 11, 2018 Justice and Charity Committee Ministry Fair

- Save the Date information has already been sent to Ministry Leads
- Mirla will email committee members an updated list of ministry contact information
- Approximately 15-17 tables will be needed



- Mirla will reach out to Sean Phillips of Gichitwaa Kateri and to Nancy Wester of Open Door to invite them to join us at the Ministry Fair.
- Posters, table cloths, and recruitment sign-up sheets will be provided

CROSS-COMMITTEE REQUESTS AND UPDATES

- Joe Keating presented that the Archdiocese suggested that SJN would benefit from a volunteer to serve as a "Parish point of contact". This position would be an informational liaison between the Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC) and St. John Neumann
- Kathy White volunteered to reach out to fellow parishioners to seek a volunteer

Next Meeting: March 1, 2018