

## **Social Justice Ministry**

### **Minutes for meeting held Sunday February 9, 2020 at 9:30 AM**

Present:      from the Council:      Meredythe Hutchinson  
                 From the Community      Béa Tiritilli  
                 From the Clergy              Fr. Arturo  
                                                      Deacon Tammy

Absent:                                      Mother Jetty  
                                                      Mother Martha  
                                                      Tonya Adams

Meeting Date:                              Sunday 2/9/2020 9:30 AM Gathering Room

Next Meeting Date:                        Sunday 3/8/2020 9:30 AM Gathering Room

1. Meredythe said all ministries, including ours, need to create measureable goals and objectives for 2020. We will consider these and formalize at next meeting.
2. Fr. Arturo reported on his meeting with WSWA. He invited them to cooperate with St. Matthew's to use our kitchen for their Winter Survival Drive (tamale-sale fundraiser). Funds pay utilities for their members. He is meeting with them at their office this week.
3. Tammy reported that she met with CLUE (Clergy/Laity United for Economic Justice). Arturo said St. Matthew was a founding member of this organization. Tammy reported that it is an organization that helps union workers in negotiations/striking and will pray with workers. Many pastors from various communities as well as representatives from local medical unions (e.g., Fountain Valley Hospital workers, Kaiser workers), Anaheim Convention Center, and Angel Stadium were in attendance – these groups are currently negotiating contracts. She will be having lunch with the organizer this month. We are interested in having him speak at an Adult Education event between masses that we could advertise on Meet Up. The organization meets every last Tuesday of the month on a rotating basis.
4. Arturo reported that he has been working with janitors who may be negotiating to strike. Women night janitors face regular sexual harassment.

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5. We discussed that one of the goals for the Social Justice committee will be to hold at least one event per month (e.g., fundraiser for shut-ins, Filipino children, WSWA).
6. Tammy and Fr. Arturo would like us to get more involved in Xela Aid again and get the book discussion rescheduled.
7. Tammy suggested we do more consciousness-raising events wherein we invite representatives from the aforementioned groups to speak at Adult-Education events.
8. Father Arturo is organizing a uniting families event to be held in the next two months. Tammy would like to promote this on our website.