

Social Justice Ministry

Minutes for meeting held July 22nd, 2020

Present: Meredythe, Bea, Tonya, Tammy, Mo. Jetty

Food Drive

1. Bea asked that our next Food Drive advertisement include request for back-to-school supplies. Donations have slowed down some, maybe the back-to-school drive will help re-energize. Bea suggested we do different themed donations to help mix it up.
2. Bea brought up that the food drive has been packing up at 1:30 or so because after the Spanish Mass there hasn't been a lot of people donating after that. It's also getting hard to find volunteers with the heat. Bea suggested 11-1 instead, only 2 hours make it easier to get volunteers.
3. Tonya asked if we are using the A-frame to advertise. Tammy will be working on getting signage made for the sandwich board so they look more professional – she has a friend with a large printer who may be able to have signage made.
4. Tammy relayed that she spoke with Fr. Arturo to get corporate donations and give out donations ourselves. Mo. Jetty suggested putting together food boxes of 3-4 meals, maybe get in touch with restaurants who would be willing to donate since we cannot open our own kitchen
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Working with other SJ Organizations/Community Needs During COVID

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2. Bea said outreach to the elderly & shut-ins. Bea mentioned Dr. Eleanor has done work for this and she will reach out do get contacts. Mo. Jetty said we could raise money to put together boxes for meals or ingredients for people in these times who are lonely in their homes.
3. Tammy mentioned that we used to have relationships with other churches – Methodist & Lutherans. Jetty mentioned that we do Thanksgiving with the Episcopal church, so we could reach out to them – they are not a small church. Jetty will ask Martha to write an email to the pastor asking how we can partner with them.
4. Bea said we could be networking with other organizations such Sisters of St. Joseph – interfaith peace organization; network for environment; Catholic Worker Santa Ana. Tonya said Dr. Eleanor has contacted with Catholic Worker. Possibly invite for online discussions and include the greater community.

Nextdoor/Other Connections

1. Bea suggest that the church could have our own account. Rep should be clergy or PC member. Tonya suggested that we run it past the PC. Meredythe agreed to present at the next PC meeting.
2. Tammy mentioned she promotes the Food Drive on the West Garden Grove FB site, but that we should be doing that on other local sites. Bea mentioned people are on there asking for food. Tammy said not just for SJ but just promoting the church.

Guest Speakers or Presentations from Other Organizations

1. Jetty mentioned we can still do Zoom meetings even though we can't physically meet.
2. Tammy suggested we could interview people. Tammy had been trying to have a CLUE rep come to Adult Education prior to COVID.
3. Jetty said it would be a good way to invite the larger community not just the church members. She mentioned we could talk to Catholic Worker, maybe the pastor of the aforementioned Episcopal Church.
4. Tonya mentioned that we had talked about joining Meetup and reaching out to the larger community for an ongoing series. She mentioned that Mo. Martha has a lot lined up for Adult Ed, but that did not include this, but it should be brought up at the next education meeting to nail down how this will be done.

Set up recurring meeting

1. Tammy will send out invite. After discussion, we chose 3rd Thursday at 6:30 via Zoom.

Social Justice Facebook Page

1. Suggestion was made to start a FB group just for SJ. Agreement was that as long as we are promoting SJO events and issues on the other forums, it is not necessary to have our own.

Changes to Website

1. Mo. Jetty noted that the SJO page on the website did not have current contact information. CPRM need to change website, Meredythe will reach out.

Getting word out about Census

1. Tammy mentioned that at the last food drive, we bagged the food in Census bags, included Census literature as well as our St. Matt's brochure. It was also posted to the FB page to promote the Census. But do we want to do anymore to get the word out? Bea suggested continuing to include Census info, that WSWA appreciates that. No further decision was made.