

Social Justice Committee Minutes

February 5, 2009

Members present: Deacon Randy Bauer, Troy Bauer, Chris Carr, Mary Jo Loftus, Desiree Haspert, Mary Jo Olson, Susan Anderson, Nancy Flicek, Eileen Ness

Prayer/reflection: Mary Jo Olson lead us.

Minutes of January meeting: A correction was made about the date of the JRLC at the Capitol. It was February 3rd not March 3rd as stated. We will try to attend the next one. Minutes were approved!

Mission Statement: Maria was not present so we held off on discussion until next meeting.

Blog: Chris showed us the blog that he set up. It needs to get approved by Fr Paul before we can advertise it to the community. We decided we would also like it to have a password protected, Chris and Troy were going to look into that. We would also like to add the DVD made of the bike day and the clearing of the property, possibly add more to that DVD. We will test it out amongst ourselves while waiting for Fr Pauls approval. The address is <http://stkatessocialjustice.blogspot.com> Chris and Troy will try to figure out how to block others while we try it out. Then Chris will email us.

Meals on Wheels Delivery-update: Doing good.

Rice Bowl Update: Troy is going to have ordered 300 rice bowls, an educators guide (where the money goes too), and poster. There is also a video that we may show people about where the money goes. Sr. Dianne is going to incorporate the educators guide into the March GOF! We will hand out the rice bowls on ASH Wednesday and the weekend after. Discussion was held on starting Carbon foot printing then and have them put money in Rice bowl if they left a light on etc.. Then we hopefully can continue after lent, possibly Building fund (depending where the church is with the process)! Need to finish this conversation on the blog before lent starts! Troy will be responsible for finding helpers.

Lenten ideas for Social Justice Almsgiving: Incorporate the Carbon foot printing with rice bowls. Clothing drive for MORE, maybe Sr. Bridget could take the cloths there. She will discuss it with Sr. Bridget.

Enviromental Expo in Ramsey: Mary Jo Olson suggested we get a booth at this expo. The date is April 25th. Discussion was held on what we would do at the booth. We came up with seven ways that St. Katharine Drexel is environmentally friendly:

1. Carbon Foot printing - would like to get this out to parish, possibly make a thermometer with Kilowatts we are saving?

2. Hospitality - we use fair trade, we use all paper products - would like to invite people to bring their own mugs to mass like Fr. Paul.
3. Clean up Ramsey Park
4. PIP recycling
5. Ride your Bike to Church
6. Trees are being recycled on our property
7. Building Green!

Discussion was held on what we could pass out that would be green, will continue discussion on blog. Hopefully this can be used not only to show our Church is environmentally friendly but also to show that we are here in Ramsey and we are people friendly too! Randy had what St. Cecilia(?) is doing to be green and he did not print it out because we can go to there website and check it out! Website? (sorry I did not get that).

Other:

1. Randy had Thank you notes he was going to display.
2. Tithing - Mary Jo Loftus mentioned **MORE**- empowerment school for immigrants, send our tithing there for this month.

Closing Prayer: Mary Jo Loftus

Meeting was adjourned at 8:41

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 5th 7p.m.