

CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

Feb. 4, 2010

Attendees: Kim Blackford, Rose Callahan, Nancy Symonds, Fr. Jim Byrnes, Barb Leveque, Sue Buerkle, Lou Mantia, Guy and Elaine Grace, Maureen and John Schumacker, Jane Juedemann, Bev Carroll, Tom Parchomski, Ed Olander, Dorothy and Mort Small.

Opening Prayer: Kim

Parish Council Report: Kim and Fr. Jim updated everyone on PC activities – web site, parish council nominations, PC goals, pictorial directory, floor of PAC, among other items

Old Business: Minutes approved. Our Donut Sun brought in 116.25 covering very nearly all our expenses. Very good attendance. Big thanks to everyone for your help. Christmas food/gift drive was a huge success. The poor economy didn't seem to effect us at all. Big thanks to Lois and Nancy.

New Business: Everyone signed get well card for Ann R.

Mort and Dorothy Small presented on the mission church in Jamaica where the dental clinic they volunteer with is held. Showed pictures and presented e-mail letters from the pastor and church leaders discussing their program and needs. Info will be past along to Fred H. for addition to tything list.

Sandwich Shop Discussion: Ann R. and Diana P both recently stepped down as heads of Sandwich shops 1 and 2. We had much discussion on funding of sandwich shop. It is still considered to be mostly a self funded services, with many volunteers giving both time and money. Some groups still occasionally need funds from the parish. Times and heads are now as follows: SS 1 headed by Jane Juedemann meets the 4th Tues @ 9:00 a.m. , SS 2, headed by Ed Orlander, meets 2nd Wed. @ 9:00 a.m., SS 3, headed by Lou Mantia, meets 3rd Tues. at 7:00 p.m. We will consider budgeting 75.00 a month total for all 3 SS.

Committee Reports:

- **Tithing:** Fred Hoenberger: Fred couldn't attend but will submit recommendations to Fr. T. Kim will forward the Small's info (above) to Fred.
- **MCU:** Ginny Schrapen : Sponsoring Healthy Communities Retreat at MMOC on Sat. March 6 from 9 – 3. There is no cost involved and it will be a brown bag lunch. The retreat is offered as a Lenten experience intended to reconnect us with our faith values that tell us that all people are created in God's image and our fates are intertwined. We will consider ways to act collectively to transform our communities. All parishoners are welcome and we'd especially like to encourage our older teens to attend.
- **Report of Human Rights Committee:** Sue Buerkle
A Forum on immigration will be presented on Sunday, February 21 at MMOC after 11:15 Mass. The speakers are Ana Schulz, Mary Mother Parishioner and Sr. Margaret Mertens, SSND, who work directly with legal immigrants at LaPosada Providencia in Texas Former parishioner, Laura Weis works for Immigrant Healthcare Justice, advocating for healthcare for immigrants, and Krysta Grangeno, organizer for MCU.

Attendees will be encouraged to participate in the upcoming Just Matters Series on Immigration, which we hope to launch after Easter.

Helen Sloan has composed bulletin boards on immigration, Martin Luther King, and Black History Month.

In conjunction with Lenten Enhancement Team, we will be participating in the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Program.

- **Send a Card:** Barb Leveque: 6 cards sent in Dec. 14 cards sent in Jan.

Sandwich Shop:

See New Business

- **Parish Funeral Luncheon:** Rose Calahan, Diane Euteriner, Trish Bennett
3 lunches were held since our last meeting.
- **Parish Help:** Diana Piantanida – was not present, but contacted Kim requesting the group to consider a new name for this service that better reflects what it is. We will submit the idea “Mary Mother Meals”. D plans to put an announcement in bulletin asking for more volunteers.
- **Monthly Food Drives:** Jim Walthers, Richard Hantak – no report
- **Christmas Food Drive and Gifts:** Nancy Symonds, Lois Scully
See notes under old business. Dates will soon be added to 2010 calendar
- **Habitat For Humanity:** Jason Serati – no report
- **CSC Website:** Jason Serati – Kim or Rich will send updates to Jason
- **Men’s Club:** John H. no report

Next Meeting. March 4, 2010 at 7:00.