

CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

Sept 10, 2009

Attendees: Kim Blackford, Fred Hohenberger, Ginny Schrappen, Sue Buerkle, Tom Panchomski, Rose Callahan, Ann Rapisardo,

Opening Prayer: Kim

Parish Council Report: Kim. P.C. had their annual retreat. It was helpful time for bonding and goal setting. Fr. T's installation Mass will be Sat. Oct. 10 followed by a small reception

Old Business: Minutes approved. For Tithing and Just Matters see reports below.

New Business:

- **Tithing** – Fred We discussed decreasing international groups except for missionary work to put more focus on local groups. However we decided to keep both international aid groups on the list this month for Fr. T's consideration. We also had lengthy discussion about 3 groups Fred recommended dropping. In the end it was decided to drop Catholic Action Network and Mary's Pence. Other members will do further research on Network to present at a future meeting. Network will not be dropped at this point.

Committee Reports:

- **MCU:** Ginny Schrappen : Our annual fundraiser in the Silent Auction/Trivia Night at Notre Dame on Sat. 9/19/09. MMOC parishioners have donated the majority of the silent auction items. We have a number of table reservations and have sold 750.00 worth of chances for the Dinner Raffle.

MCU Forum on Public Transportation : a Local, State, and Federal Perspective will be held Sat. 10/10/09 at Zion UMC at 9:30 – 11:00am. All of our local and state officials will be invited. We had hoped to have US Congressman Russ Carnahan be part of it, but that will not be the case. Bob Baer, the Director of Metro, will be the main speaker and testimony will be prepared and presented by several people who have been adversely affected by the transit cuts. Prior to this event parishioners will be given cards in the pews to mark comments on.

- **Report of Human Rights Committee:** Sue Buerkle

Missouri Catholic Conference Annual Assembly is on 9/26 in Jefferson City. Sue will be going.

Ginny and Helen will be attending building a Just Health Care System at St. Alphonsus "Rock" Church on Sept 26th.

JUST MATTERS: Living Solidarity: Government, the Federal Budget, and the Common Good (a program by the authors of Just Faith) will be offered this fall. Registration will be 9/19-9/20 and 9/26-9/27. Program will begin late October.

We are working on hosting a panel/ forum on the topic of immigration reform at MMOC in January 2010. Speakers are to include Ana Schulz of our parish, who works in immigration issues for Sisters of Divine Providence, and Laura Weis, daughter of Alice Weis, who is involved with immigrant health care in the St. Louis area.

- **Send a Card:** Barb Legveque: no report

- **Sandwich Shop:**

Ann Rapisardo - 600 sandwiches were made and delivered to Karen House on 8/25/09

Diana Piantanida – no report

Lou and Jo Ann Mantia – no report

A couple new to the parish have come to make sandwiches a few times. This may be the same couple who left a message for Kim, but she was unable to get the info. Rose will check on this and give them Kim's info.

- **Parish Funeral Luncheon:** Rose Calahan, Diane Euteriner, Trish Bennett
3 lunches held in Aug. Nice thank yous given
- **Parish Help:** Diana Piantanida
No report
- **Food Drives:** Lois Scully, Jim Walthers, Richard Haslech – no report
- **Christmas Gifts:** Nancy Symonds, Kara Serati, Lois Scully – no report
- **Habitat For Humanity:** Jason Serati – no report
- **CSC Website:** Jason Serati – no report. Kim will call to get update. Many changes needed
- **Men's Club:** John Hesser – no report, but Fred said a meeting is scheduled for Mon.9/14
- **General Announcements and Reminders:** Kim and Rich Blackford have a new foster baby. Ann and Roy Rapisardo are celebrating 60 years of marriage! Blood Drive is being held Thurs. Sept. 24.

Next Meeting: Oct 1 @ 7:00 pm. Prayer Volunteer – Tom