

Social Concerns Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2020

Committee Members: Reta Althaus, Bart Black, Patsy Carlson, Paul Carlson, Doris Larkins, Jean McPherson, Bruce Mehlhop, Eva Moritz, and Christine Yoder

Members in Attendance: Patsy Carlson, Paul Carlson, Jean McPherson, Bruce Mehlhop, and Christine Yoder. Jean opened the meeting in prayer

Tithe of the Tithe

Tithe of the tithe has been suspended since March when masses could not be held on site. Bruce will check with Fr Ken on when it will be reinstated. Members expressed how vital these funds are for the community. Paul shared that during this time the parish did send \$5,000 from the remaining funds to habitat for Humanity to fulfill our commitment to the Catholic Circle of Faith.

Projects

Catholic Worker House

St Lukes continues to provide lunches on the 4th Saturday of the month. It was suggested to have Eva write-up a notice for the bulletin and to put a sign up genius in the weekly newsletter.

Habitat for Humanity

Paul explained the revised schedule for building. The group agreed that they would coordinate lunches for one or two days. Paul will find out what dates KC members will be working. It was suggested that we could collect funds and order pizza as a treat for the work crew.

Meals From the Heartland

The group expressed a desire to keep our relationship going. Christine will check with them to see if they expect to do on-site packing events this fall and if so will check with parish/school staff if we can host.

Family Promise is not being held at OLIH during the pandemic, an evening host is till needed on August 11th.

Patsy shared a new project that has started to sew bags from used t-shirts to be used by the guests at the Food Bank to take their groceries home in. They are easier to use and the Food Bank can buy fewer boxes. She found out that the church does not allow drop-offs in the Narthex due to COVID-19

Patsy and Paul are facilitating an 8 week Just Faith course on Racial Equity that began on July 27th. There are 11 participants and is being held via ZOOM.

Next Meeting

The next Social Concerns meeting will be September 22, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.
We closed in prayer.

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