

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
SATURDAY JUNE 16, 2007

Present: Gayle Geber, Marge Virnig, Ellen Coffey, Helen Haas
Regrets: Sheila Boos, Nancy McLaughlin

1. Review Minutes and Activity Chart:-some additions to the chart to be made.
 - Habitat: Gayle to follow-up with Bob Sutherland re-assistance in July- also possible hand-over of position if Bob is relocating; currently parish administration assisting when there are volunteers who are willing and available via Stewardship lists; Shared Ministry Committee willing to assist with this coordination; thank you to Edwina? Who set up Ice Cream Social Kick-Off week-end
 - Additional Activities for next year?-Shared Ministry Committee will coordinate them
 - i-St. Anthony Park Church's working with various Immigrant groups
 - ii-St. Anthony Park Church's participating/rotating as shelters for the homeless
 - iii-Prison Ministry by St. Cecilia's parishioners
 - Alms Box: Gerry and Paula Almer have discussed final draft of the operations guidelines and orientation to program needs/requirements has occurred; need education to parishioners via bulletin by Fr. Mike and communication to neighboring parishes-Marge to follow-up with both
 - Haiti: more volunteers have indicated an interest; Marge is the contact for these people via Stewardship list
 - Fair Trade Coffee:-Sheila yet to confirm status; need community education. Mary Ellen Briehl to be contacted by Ellen for all the information to be passed back to the Committee so we can re-start this process
 - Advocacy: a workshop to be arranged with Office For Social Justice by Helen and Ellen
 - Thank You/Awareness Dinner:-need date; theme; speaker etc. Ellen to follow-up with emails to Committee before August to get opinions/consensus
2. Calendaring for YR 2007-2008:- the master calendar has been reviewed and a draft of dates of next year's activities and events to be completed by Ellen and Committee
3. Update on draft letters to other three committees:- Nancy and Gayle have drafted a letter to the Formation Committee; will also address it to the Formation Advisory Board. A copy of this draft is to be sent to Helen/Kevin and Sharon/Gerry so they can also draft similar letters to the Liturgy Committee and Community Life Committee. Marge enquired if Shared Ministry Committee might participate as invited observers at these three meetings. The discussion resulted in a decision that these meetings were still in the early stages and maybe it might work out for future meetings; decision to be made in future.
4. Next Meeting Date: tentatively set for **Monday September 10, 2007 at 6:30pm**