

## St. Perpetua Social Justice Committee Meeting January 16,2020

Members Present: Pat Snyder, Marlene Matsuoka, Mary Terjeson, Laura Monin, Joan Liston, Christoph Nauer, Buzz Sherwood (Rotating Chair), Ann Porcella, Sr. Peggy Dwyer, Marj Ho, Dee Hansen

Buzz opened with a prayer.

### Action Items Prior Meeting

211 cards and bulletin blurb – Pat has information on this and will discuss next meeting.

Rotating Chair in 2020, If anyone can share the responsibility let Christoph know.

### Letter to Bishops and Migration Week

Discussion held on shortening letter but keeping the key elements. Laura's revised letter was used as a starting point. Fifth paragraph deleted completely. Added to sixth paragraph – "advocate for comprehensive immigration reform". Christoph will rework the revised letter for our review and also add a few sentences as a lead-in for the announcement from the pulpit which will be the weekend of February 1 / 2. Space for signatures will be available at bottom of the page, similar to what was done for the gun violence letter. Letter to be addressed to Archbishop with cc's to Bishops. Suggestion was made to send to Catholic Voice also, which will need Father John's approval.

Speakers for Feb 1 / 2 will be: **5 pm Buzz, Peggy, Marlene, 8 am Buzz, Mary Olowin, 9:30 ??, 11:30 Laura.** The speakers will also be at the table to collect signatures. If any member can help man the table at one of the masses let Christoph know. This weekend will also be ticket sales for Winter Nights Pasta Feed and many of our members are committed to help with this.

In the weeks prior to the announcement, the bulletin will contain immigration information. And the posters will be in the vestibule.

### Health Care

January 25 there is a Health Forum at the Rossmoor event center co-sponsored with Rotary club and the National Council of Jewish Women 8 am to 3 pm, to discuss the current state of healthcare in the US. Lunch provided by Atria Senior Care. Registration limited to 230. Contact Joy Alaidarous: 925-954-1002 or by email at [jalaidarous@gmail.com](mailto:jalaidarous@gmail.com) .

MFAC is holding a panel discussion on the presidential candidates National Health Care Plans Feb 5, 7-8:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church of Concord.

## Housing

Trinity Center/Walnut Creek— New Exec Director is Leslie Gleason who previously was with Shelter Inc.

- 8 apts. for low-cost housing above the 1st floor will be available soon. Headquarters still in temporary sight.

Contra Costa County Health Services/ [www.cchealth.org/h3](http://www.cchealth.org/h3)

- 2020 PIT (Point in Time) Count is planned for January 23.

## Repeal of Prop 13 for Commercial Property

Signatures needed by March 18. Pat handed out a 5-page packet with information along with a possible handout for our February 1 /2 weekend titled Catholic Social Teaching and Taxes. Given our meeting time constraints she requested that we review the packet and be prepared to discuss at our February meeting. At next meeting Pat requested time to discuss the process of collecting signatures so we are prepared to collect possibly the weekend of March 7/8. Note: Christoph has forwarded via email the packet of information noted above.

## Other

Consider moving meeting from 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month to 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday. Discuss at next meeting.

Next meeting: February 20, 2020 Chair Buzz Sherwood