

Meeting Minutes of the St. Mary Magdalene Global Solidarity Committee  
Thursday, Oct. 22, 2020 at 7:30 PM via Zoom

Present: Sylvia Francis, Denise Charron-Prochownik, Teresa Maynor, John Newell and Joyce Rothermel  
Excused: Emily Lippert

We opened with prayer. Joyce reported that Bobbi Cass is not on the Committee at this time but will help with Lenten opportunities for Global Solidarity Partners. Emily is working on Fair Trade Fair but unable to join us at this time.

Mission: St. Mary Magdalene Parish seeks to grow in awareness of our brothers and sisters around the world who are victims of hunger, poverty, injustice and war, to grow in solidarity with them in prayer, and act communally to support them in their struggles.

Presently are global solidarity partners include:

- Queen of Apostles Academy in Uganda (Fr. Fred's School – Fr. Fred formally served at St. Bede's)
- Partners in Progress, based in Pittsburgh, supporting rural sustainable and community development in Haiti (St. James Parishioners serve on their board and some parishioners have traveled to Haiti to learn about PIP's work)
- Bread for the World, a Christian organization educating and advocating for improved U.S. policy in support of global and domestic food security. (St. James Parish has been a covenant church of Bread for the World and conducted an annual offering of letters for several years.)
- Pittsburgh Catholic Diocesan Mission in Chimbote, Peru (was a project of SMM CCD this past Lent)

To fulfill our mission, we hope to have a calendar of activities throughout the liturgical year.

1. Report on World Mission Sunday: Sylvia provided prayer and bulletin announcements. Proceeds to date are \$647.
2. Report on Bread for the World Offering of Letters: To be held on the last weekend of this month. Letters about funding for domestic and international COVID-19 and food security efforts. Letters available on parish website and will be distributed after Masses Oct. 24-25 to those interested.
3. Report on Advent: Fair Trade Fair – Emily gave report to Joyce. Fair will be combination of virtual and in-store visits to 10,000 Villages in Squirrel Hill. We will get 12% of sales. There will be a code for people to use for on line, over the phone or in person purchases. No shipping will be provided but phone and on-line orders can be picked up at the Activity Center at St. Bede's on Dec. 12-13 from 10 AM – 4 PM. If you can help with this, please contact Emily at 412-731-0267. Catalogs will be available in the back of our churches with info also in the bulletin, newsletter and website. Proceeds will be divided equally among our 4 Global Solidarity Partners.
4. Discussion on Education on Our 4 Global Solidarity Partners: We decided to do our presentations all together on one day and moved it into November to provide info during the Fair Trade Fair to motivate purchases. Partners in Progress and Bread for the World (John and Joyce) and Fr. Fred's School and Chimbote mission (Denise and Teresa). Info and Prayers for Partners throughout the period of the Fair Trade Sale. We plan to have a rehearsal of our presentation on Sunday, Nov. 15 at 5 PM (Sylvia agreed to provide feedback to improve our presentations) for a zoom presentation for the parish on Sunday, Nov. 22 at 5 PM (to be recorded to be put on parish website). We hope to include the link to the Fair Trade Fair catalog at the end of the presentation. Joyce will ask Cathy to provide the link for our two gatherings and Lois to host and help to facilitate this zoom event. We will ask Melissa Viator to put the info also on Facebook and YouTube and Cathy to send out the invitation to the parish email list.
5. Outreach to Schools and CCD: Bobbi will help during Lent next spring.
6. Info about immigration program begun by St. Benedict the Moor: AJAPO: building families and communities of Hope, serving refugees and immigrants in Pittsburgh and Allegheny Co. Exec. Director is Ynka Williams. She is a

parishioner of St. Benedict the Moor Parish. We will discuss a possible presentation to the parish about AJAPO in 2021.

7. Committee Outreach for New Members: Teresa will ask Dante if he has any interest. Dr. Deb McMahon has gone on missionary trips in the past. She may be interested. Joyce will circulate the names of people who participated in last January's meeting for new leaders to our committee to identify some people we can invite to join us. We think Terri Price may have the list.
8. Other and Announcements: We were bombed during our meeting and rescued by Teresa. Teresa can set up and host our future meetings so that we can avoid such unpleasant interruptions.

Next Meeting: Rehearsal on Sun., Nov. 15 at 5 PM via Zoom; we will schedule our next meeting at that time