

St Henry's Social Justice  
October 26, 2017

Present: Irv Vaske, Zita Cashin, Paula Rush, Fr Don, Lynn Carroll, Mark and Elly Mack.

1. Began with a prayer on Social Justice
2. House of Compassion: Mark and Elly will do the date in October. Paula did the date in September. Lynn will do the date in November. We also talked about the future of the HOC. Group is still meeting to address the need for a shelter for men. We had more discussion regarding the need to find out more direction and mission of the HOC. Irv and Zita had already been to talk with Karen but Zita will plan to talk with board members to continue to try and get more information. Mark was also going to check on the need for more supplies for the supply closet.
3. Social Justice Collection: October is Orchard Place with a presentation at mass. November 11th and 12th is for Access. Lynn will put something in the bulletin.
4. Last Watch Update: The last meeting Lynn Carroll volunteered to head up the group since Laura had moved away. Zita agreed to check on some of the agencies in town that work with this problem and try to see what interest they still have in participating in the group. The next meeting is November 9th at 4:30 at the parish center and Mark will get this on the church calendar. The group also plans to go to the city council meeting possibly November 13th to introduce an ordinance with regard to massage parlors. Chief Tupper will help and consult in this manner.
5. Adult Mission Group: Father will be talking at all of the masses this weekend about the project. This will be the introduction to the parish about the mission. We plan to send an invitation to have Father Pablo come for a visit to Marshalltown in possibly the spring.
6. Giving Tree: Lynn gave a report and has Janet Radosocich and Marcy Cox in charge of this project. Zita will plan to learn more about it this year also, so to possibly help in the future. We are also planning to help more people this year than in previous years. (There was not enough tags left on the tree for people who wanted to participate last year.)
7. Misc: Irv felt we needed to learn more about the opioid problem in Marshalltown and what is being done. He will check with SATUCI about having someone come and talk to us about the problem.
8. Next meeting will be November 16th due to Thanksgiving Day. The December meeting will be December 14th at Mama Degrados. Mark will call for reservations after our next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Elly Mack