

St Francis Social Justice

September 24th 6:30PM/via zoom

Attendees

Paula Rush, Cindy Malloy, Zita Cashin, Anne Schulte, Father Alan, Marianne Rundall, Mary Lake, Deacon Tom, Judy Imgrund, Mark & Elly Mack.

Agenda

1. Opening Prayer

Paula lead us in the prayer for Social Justice

2. House of Compassion

Lynn had a group serve tonight and they served 45 people. They continue to hand out the meals outside. The Macks will do Oct 22nd and Paula is scheduled for Nov 1st and Lynn is Dec 22nd. (Reed Sather is a volunteer from St Francis, who is willing to help every month. His phone number is 320-444-0606.) March Runner has resigned as the director and her last day is Sept 25th. The current board has decided to take some time to reorganize or refocus their mission for the House of Compassion before starting the hiring process. Colleen Springer and Andy Walker are currently on the board and also belong to St Francis.

3. Last Watch Update

Lynn said they have not met during the Covid, but will plan to make contact with some of the members on the committee.

4. 4th Sunday collection

The September collection will be for our Sister Parish. Someone will talk briefly at each mass about the mission. The October collection will be for ACCESS. Lynn volunteered to put information in the bulletin.

5. Sister Parish Updates

The two committees from each parish have continued to meet over zoom and currently are working on renewing our plan of cooperation. A new project we will be starting to help with communication and understanding between each group will be an Advent Prayer Partner program for anyone that would be interested in participating. More information will be coming in the bulletin. We also have a new joint Facebook page for our Sister Parish relationship.

6. Race Relations

We continue to meet every couple of weeks and continue to study using the guide from “Be the Bridge”. Several people all agreed they are learning a lot through the meetings as well as their reading, youtubes, podcasts and other movies regarding the subject.

7. Bathroom flier

Lynn said the flier is done and is waiting to be put in the bathrooms.

8. Giving Tree

Zita and Marianne discussed the current plans. With the change of directors at the HOC, they will possibly need to make further changes in as far as getting names. They might go through the Salvation Army instead. November 16th from 1-3:30 will be the workshop to make the tags at the St Henry’s dining room. The trees will go out the week before Thanksgiving and will be at St Henry’s and might also have a few tags at St Mary’s. December 13th will be the date to return the gifts and the distribution of the gifts will be December 19th at St Henry’s Parish Center. The plan is to get a total of 32 families. There was also discussion that the past several years because people didn’t return presents, Zita and Marianne spent their own money to buy the extra gifts. If that happens again, we will discuss other options such as having a line item in the budget or using some of the money from the “Samaritan Fund” to help.

9. Misc

Ann brought up the program through the Emergency Food Box that gives boxes of food to needy families at Christmas. She said she will again be the contact for St Francis for that program.

Also Lynn shared information regarding the Iowa Catholic Conference and suggested for anyone interested to get on their email list to get emails regarding their work at the Iowa Legislature. <https://iowacatholicconference.org/>

Next Meeting Agenda

Next meeting will be October 22nd at 7:00pm via zoom

Respectfully submitted

Elly Mack