

SOCIAL AWARENESS MINISTRY  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Sr. Jean Mariani, Mike Bubla, Leslie Fore, John Tancock, James Hayden, Mariallyn Oczak, Sally Sample, Ginny Pergantis, Mary Hojnacki, Jacquie Thomas, Irma Moran, Chris Gonzalez, Carolyn Sherwin, Denise Brogna, Karyn Stucky

The meeting was called to order by Mike Bubla at 1:00 p.m.

1. Sr. Jean led the opening prayer.
2. The minutes of the August 6, 2015 meeting were approved.
3. Updates:
  - A. Casa Maria Improvements: John Tancock reported that he has written a blog for Brian Flagg's website. He will send it to the "Vision" for possible publication.
  - B. Sr. Jose's new Women's Center: Sr. Jean reported that Jean Fedigan is still meeting with the Tucson City Manager, and continues to work with the realtor to find a new site that will be adequate for the need.
  - C. Fundraiser for Sr. Jose Women's Center
    - Fall Collection: Ginny reported that plans are on track for the fall collection on November 14-15. We will need volunteers before and after all the Masses that weekend to receive donations.
    - Soliciting Businesses and Organizations for Donations: Al reported that 51 businesses and organizations will be contacted for donations. The subcommittee will meet on September 15 at 1:00 p.m. John Tancock suggested contacting the businesses near the parks where the homeless camp.
    - Tickets Sales after Masses starting January 12 and 13 for the January 31st Fundraiser Luncheon at Westward Look: volunteers will be needed. Sign up will happen closer to the date.
  - D. Just Coffee Update – Mike gave the update on Just Coffee. Coffee sales resume the weekend of September 19-20. The speaker originally scheduled to talk on October 17-18 has cancelled due to a conflict.

Fundraiser for Café Justo. Mike talked about the purpose of the café. See the attachment to the 9/3 meeting agenda. Fundraiser will take place at St. Mark's Presbyterian, at 3809 East Third St. in Tucson. Sr. Jean sold tickets to the event at \$20 each. Profits will go to Frontera de Cristo Just Trade.

Immigration Education Initiative Update: Per Mike, we're still working on it. He feels we should have some dreamers to tell their stories to help create an understanding of their lives. Cris commented on the need for more education on the issue of the documented/undocumented. Mike asked for volunteers for the subcommittee.

- E. Theological Reflection Workshop: All who have participated in the Immersions trips are invited to attend the workshop on October 2 from 9:00-3:00. Those who attended the local immersion visits will meet from 9:00-11:30; lunch will bring both groups together; and the border immersion group will then meet from 1:30-3:00.

- F. "No FireArms" Signs: Fr.Larry has been encouraged to post the signs – we are waiting for his response.
- G. Ministry Fair: Sr. Jean updated us on the Ministry Fair for Social Awareness. The dates of the fair are November14-15. All ministries under the Social Awareness umbrella will be represented. The Parish Fall Collection for the Poor is on track and publicity along with lists of requested items will begin at the end of October.
- H. Parish Picnic: Sr. Jean talked about the need for attendees and volunteers.
- I. Homeless Package: Mariallyn brought in 50 packages of items to be given out to the homeless who are positioned on street corners, etc. A donation of \$2.00 each was requested to help cover the cost of the packages.
- J. Snack Packs: Our parish contribution amount this year will be \$5,544. The program has expanded to 60 children. A second collection will take place the weekend of December 5-6 to try to cover this. Mike explained the need for us to pick up the cost for an additional 10 people.
- K. Christmas Gift for the parishioners: We are researching books to give to the parishioners. Timing of the distribution is still being decided. The Pope's encyclical on climate change is one option. This can be downloaded from the internet and people will be encouraged to do so. There was some discussion on forming a future book club to discuss the encyclical.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS/OTHER CONCERNS:**

- A. Mike talked about increasing the involvement of the members of the SAM members in the various ministries. See the agenda for other areas of possible involvement. Ginny will ask the Pastoral Council members for recommendations on additional social awareness topics for our ministry to look into and possible future involvement.

During the discussion of additional involvement, the suggestion was made for a parish team to serve at the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen. John Tancock offered to talk to Brian Flagg about the need for additional help.

John suggested an updated results list of items already accomplished from past "Listening Sessions." Two items suggested were a "Resource Directory" and a "searchable website for community resources."

- B. St. Vincent De Paul: Leslie reported that in June, SVDP approved for the next year, aid for migrant women and children, etc. Support will go to the organizations already supported by Santa Catalina. She asked for suggestions of other areas they can support – i.e. organizations that help the poor. Their donations must be "in kind." The SVDP Ministry Foundation will be put on the agenda for next month.

6. Next meeting: Thursday, October 1 at 1:00 p.m.