

SOCIAL AWARENESS MINISTRY MINUTES – MEETING OF DECEMBER 3, 2015

Attendees: Sr. Jean Mariani, Al Crawford, Mike Bubla, Mary Hojnacki, Mariallyn Oczak, Judy Lynch, JoAnn Weston, Chris Gonzalez, James Hayden, Karyle Stucky, Carolyn Sherwin, Leslie Fore, Ginny Pergantis, Jo Andre, John Tancock, Pat McManus, Sonja McManus, Mickey Wilverding, Suzanne Flax, John Tancock

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

1. Sr. Jean led the opening prayer.
2. Minutes of the November 5 meeting were approved.
3. Mike welcomed our newest member of SAM, Jo Andre.
4. Updates:
 - a. Casa Maria facility improvements: John Tancock will meet with Brian Flagg after the first of the year to discuss further improvements at Casa Maria.
 - b. Sr. Jose Women's Center Fall Collection:
 - i. Ginny gave a report on the huge success of the fall collection for the poor.
 - ii. Sr. Jose Center – property purchase: Sr. Jean reported on the new building and explained what is necessary to get approval from the community that surrounds it.
 - iii. Sr. Jean explained the timeline and process for the January 31 fundraiser. She will coordinate the sale of the tickets and securing volunteers.
 - c. Mariallyn reported on the sales of the Manna Bags.
 - d. Ministry Fair: Sr. Jean gave a report on the Ministry Fair.
 - e. Just Coffee: 90 pounds of coffee were sold over the weekend of 11/14-15.
 - f. Immigration Education Initiative: Planning meeting will be held on January 5 at 1:00 p.m. to continue planning the panel presentation set for January 17 from 2-4:00 p.m. Leslie addressed where the notifications for this event will appear.
 - i. Various organizations will be solicited to offer brochures on the services they offer to immigrants and others who need their services.
 - ii. Sr. Jean will take care of refreshments.
 - iii. Attendees will be asked to evaluate the program.
 - g. Casa Mariposa/Volunteers to visit migrants in Eloy and Florence Detention Centers: Alicia will address this subject in February.
 - h. Volunteers for Casa Maria: Al will take volunteers to serve at Casa Maria on the Wednesday, the 16th and Friday the 18th.
 - i. Prison Ministry: Ministry to people coming back into the area after leaving prison. Al Crawford is investigating ways to help the people such as providing debit cards for their use.
 - j. Snack Pack collection: Next weekend.

Next Meeting: January 7, 2016.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Submitted by Ginny Pergantis