

Social Awareness Ministry  
Minutes of Meeting  
January 7, 2016

Attendees: Sr. Jean Mariani, Mike Bubla, Al Crawford, Mariallyn Oczak, Mary Hojnacki, Judy Lynch, Chris Gonzalez, Carolyn Sherwin, Leslie Fore, John and Elizabeth Tancock, Pat and Sonia McManus, Barb Cogswell, Irma Moran, Jacquie Thomas, Michelle Domino, Sally Sample

1. Opening Prayer by Sr. Jean "What do we hope for in 2016"
2. Minutes were approved without change.
3. Cherie Gray, Executive Director of Tucson Refugee Ministry, ([www.Tucsonrefugeeministry.com](http://www.Tucsonrefugeeministry.com)) presented information about the group and several ways in which we might become involved. There was much interest for our group to explore further on a Parish wide basis. The following is a synopsis of this portion of the meeting: (See Leslie's notes attached for additional information.)
  - a. An informational meeting will be held on Monday, February 8, from 6-9 PM at the Pima Street Baptist Church for people interested in learning more about the Tucson Refugee Ministry
  - b. If we have 20 people at a Volunteer information meeting, Cherie will hold a meeting at Santa Catalina; we will try for our own meeting of 20 or more people.
  - c. Mike will submit a bulletin announcement about the program and meeting when a date is selected.
  - d. Information about the program will be available at the January 17 Immigration meeting.
  - e. A Refugee Ministry Team consisting of Mike, Sr. Jean, Judy Lynch and Carolyn Sherwin was formed to pursue involvement by the Parish.
4. Casa Maria Facility Improvements: John Tancock
  - a. John outlined the results of his January 6, 2016 meeting with Brian Flagg and Caesar on additional improvements to the Casa Maria facility. Some improvements would be relatively minor while other will require contractor help. John submitted a complete listing of the projects being contemplated which has been provided to SAM members.
5. Manna Bags – Mary Hojnacki
  - a. Mary stated that sales have been excellent and in the future the sales after the 5 PM Mass will be discontinued due to low response.
6. Just Coffee – Al Crawford
  - a. 109 pounds were sold in December. A parishioner has donated \$210 worth of Just Coffee for Casa Maria which will be purchased and delivered in January and February.
7. Sister Jose Women's Center – Sr. Jean
  - a. The fundraising luncheon for the new facility is January 31, 2016 from 11:30-1:00 at the Westward Look Resort.

- b. To date 127 tickets have been sold at the Parish – an excellent result
  - c. Jean Fedigan and Sr. Jean expect 220-250 at the luncheon when the sales from St. Mark and other churches are in.
  - d. Next meeting of the Event committee is January 12.
  - e. Carolyn reported on the delivery of the toiletries gift bags to the Women’s Center was very well received by the ladies.
8. Immigration Education Initiative – January 17 – Mike Bubla
- a. The session is scheduled for the Parish Hall from 2-4 PM.
  - b. Volunteers to direct traffic were obtained – John and Pat
  - c. Michelle will sell Just Coffee and T-shirts
  - d. Presenters will each be given a bag of Just Coffee
  - e. Manna Bags will be available for sale.
  - f. Next meeting of the Immigration Ministry committee to evaluate the results of the 1/7/16 session and next steps will be on Feb. 17.
9. Casa Mariposa
- a. Alicia will report on the process for volunteers at the February meeting.
10. New Business
- a. Snack Pack Program -- Mike  
Mike reported on the challenges of the fund collection this time. It was suggested that the collection be schedule earlier in the October or November time frame and that publicity on the program be improved to create greater awareness among the parishioners.
  - b. Habitat for Humanity -- Sally  
Sally gave an outline of the program and the possibility of it being part of the Refugee Program.
  - c. Life Point Church – Mike  
Mike will contact the Life Point Church in Catalina about the possibility of coordinating Refugee Program efforts.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Next meeting – February 4 at 1:00 PM

Submitted: Al Crawford