

SOCIAL AWARENESS MINISTRY MINUTES – MEETING OF NOVEMBER 5, 2015

Attendees: Sr. Jean Mariani, Al Crawford, Mike Bubla, Mary Hojnacki, Mariallyn Oczak, Alicia Valdivia, Judy Lynch, JoAnn Weston, Chris Gonzalez, James Hayden, Karyle Stucky, Carolyn Sherwood, Leslie Fore, Ginny Pergantis

Meeting called to order at 1:07 p.m. - Sr. Jean led the opening prayer.

Minutes of September 3 meeting were approved.

1. Updates:

- a. Casa Maria Facility Improvements – No report given. John Tancock was absent – report will be given at the December meeting.
- b. Sr. Jose Women’s Center – Sr. Jean reported that a new property has been identified near the university, in the area of 4th Street and 4th Avenue. The price is being negotiated. A brief description of the property was given.
- c. Fund Raiser for Sr. Jose’s Women’s Center/Ministry Fair:
 - i. Fall Collection – Ginny reported on the preparations for the collection.
 - ii. Ministry Fair – Sr. Jean reported on the plans for the November 14-15 Ministry Fair.
 - iii. January Fundraiser Luncheon – Volunteers were recruited to solicit businesses for silent auction items. Sr. Jean will follow up with Churches and Synagogues. Volunteers were also requested to help with mailings and pick up of items.
- d. Just Coffee – Al Crawford reported that volume is down, 50 lbs. have been sold while normally they would be at 90-100 lbs.
- e. Immigration Education Initiative Update – Mike reported that the initiative is moving along. Mike thanked Leslie and James for putting together the brochure and then gave an update on the panel presentation and the presenters. Fr. Larry has agreed to be involved. Next meeting of the Immigration subcommittee will be November 10.
- f. Theological Workshop – Sr. Jean reported on the workshop.
- g. Manna Bags – Mariallyn and Mary will begin selling the food bags to the parishioners to hand out to the people on street corners

2. New Business/Other Concerns

- a. SAM focus for 2015-16 – Ginny reported on Mike’s presentation to the Pastoral Council.
 - i. Casa Mariposa - Volunteers were invited to participate through Catholic Community Services.
 - ii. Alicia gave information on volunteering at the detention centers in Eloy and Florence and the requirements to get involved.
 - iii. Tutoring at Sycamore Academy – Al Crawford.
 - iv. Pope’s Encyclical – a brief discussion was held on this subject.
- b. Parish Volunteers at Casa Maria – Response from the parish was overwhelming. Size of the volunteer group needs to be to 6-8 people. Next

visit will be November 18. Al explained the involvement there, what is done by volunteers, etc.

- c. Assistance for a Family from Syria – Diocesan response on this issue is that approval of sponsorship of a family is not likely. Sr. Jean will ask about the mechanics for sponsoring a family from the Diocese.
- d. Distribution of the book, REDISCOVER JESUS, by Kelly at Easter – this is definite, 1200 copies are being ordered.
- e. The new Office Manager, Susan, has requested that as committees use the printers, we do so in the afternoons. They are needed by the staff in the morning hours.

The next meeting will be held on December 3 at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ginny Pergantis