Social Ministry Committee Meeting Minutes November 10, 2018

Present:  Susan Franks Fr. Jorge, Nancy Richardson, Fr. Leo, Linda Mayton Sean Ferguson, Lynn Hulse and Anne Meyer-Wilber

Equal Exchange Fair Trade: Nancy, who handles this at St. Mike’s, reported that prices have increased substantially so less product has been ordered for the winter months. (Hot cocoa went from $5.00 to $7.50.)

Homeless Hygiene Kits: Sharon Tyo takes to shelters in Rochester (Mercy, Dimitri House)

Need someone to help out at each worship site. – Linda will help at St. Theresa’s.

Sharon, Tom Tale @ St. Pat’s have stacks of coffee cans.

Sign for coffee cans is next to food at St. Mike’s.

Pet Food Collection: Fr. Leo said that he was asked but Patty L. got someone else to do it.

Anne will call Patty L to find out what is going on.

Fr. Leo is OK with someone else doing it.

Living Well has a giveaway on some Wednesday.

Baby Bottles: St. Mike’s turned in all but 2.

St. Theresa’s – Fred Bonhag is turning them in to Care Net in Canandaigua.

Fr. Leo requests that next year if there is a wedding or funeral put the bottles away before they start.

St. Mike’s wanted more info at the side entrance.

Warm Hands, Warm Hearts: Anne put in bulletin

Linda will put a box out for donations at St. Theresa’s.

Giving /Angel Tree: M. Marshall

Deb Smith heads St. Mike’s committee

St Pats headed by S Tyo, S. Peck, and J. Donavon

St. Theresa’s does not have one.

Public Policy: Theme comes out in January. How do we make this happen? Who can we get to coordinate? Fr. Leo was talking about political changes. Need to make copies of report and petitions.

We leave them out for 2 weeks at least.

Anne will coordinate this year but wants someone else to do it next time.

Nancy says upstate people don’t talk to their politicians.

Our Diocese needs to sign petitions.

Fr. Leo thinks the amount of signatures will depend on the topic.

Rochester group organizes all of this now. (not like years ago)

Realistic goal for amount of signatures will be set in January.

Pile of bulletin announcements to Melissa.

Diocesan Women’s Retreat: Who heads this up? Therese Hebding has headed it up in the past.

Catholic Daughters usually take care of bulletin announcements. Look to see info in bulletin.

Katie Robinson used to head up March for Life. March for Life: Fr. Jorge said that if Katie doesn’t do the bulletin announcements, he will do them.

Human Trafficking: Jessica not here. We don’t really know what is happening.

Home for survivors of trafficking in Corning is up and running. Our hope is to support it. Baby shower? Sean shared that the Del Lago Casino is a hot spot for human trafficking.

Immigration: any ideas? Maybe hold an event? Nancy belongs to Penn Yan Action Coalition and she wants to have a “Read” Wednesdays at 7pm. Sr. Kay from Geneva does a Spanish bible study.

How about having a Spanish Mass? Fr. Jorge says it is hard to establish a regular schedule.

Some people have shown up at St. Mike’s for Spanish Reconciliation. Fr. Jorge does Spanish Mass in a home in Dresden. He needs to talk to Sr. Kay.

Anne brought up the possibility that we would be providing a target for ICE if we advertised.

Nancy will talk to Isabel about the possibility of including a Spanish Mass on Dec 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe instead of Bible Study perhaps. Fr Jorge suggested sharing Colombian tradition - Dec 8 Night of the Little Candles on eve of Immaculate Conception. Fr. Jorge may do a bilingual 7pm Vigil Mass for Immaculate Conception. Anne will help Fr. Jorge make dessert to eat after Mass.

Anne will find candles.

April 27 is the last Social Ministry meeting for this school year. Usually the April meeting contains a plan for the next year.

Grandma’s Kitchen has no date yet. Anne will let us know.

Fr. Jorge is working with Patty and Melissa updating website. Minutes should be sent to Fr. Jorge, Patty L., Anne. Then they can be put on website.

Next meeting Feb. 9, 2019, 10 AM @ the Branchport Library community room.

Minutes recorded thanks to Linda Mayton ( great job Linda esp being your first meeting.. )