

COMMISSION MINUTES

Peace and Justice Commission, February 28, 2016

PRESENT: Mary Anne Boyd, Kathy Hays, Marian Kaiser, Debbie Otero, Claire Tenhundfeld,
Don Weinkam

ABSENT: Jodi Knollman

DISCUSSION: Commission considered an invitation for the parish to become involved in a joint project of CAIN and the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Cincinnati. It is a 13 week summer pilot to provide shelter, meals and companionship for women and children who are homeless. Commission members were in consensus that this would be a fitting and doable project for the parish. But there are some questions that need to be answered before we make a commitment. We agreed to invite a representative from CAIN to come to our next meeting in order to respond to our questions about the project.

In response to an invitation from LF Faith Formation Commission to include possible formation topics related to Social Justice on their upcoming needs survey, Commission members identified the following for inclusion: Catholic Social Teaching, homelessness, addiction, immigration, women's issues, election issues.

REPORTS: Scott Middendorf has provided us with some excellent information regarding the present heroin crisis. Claire will e-mail the YouTube link to all the members. We are asked to review the information in preparation for our next meeting. We wish to examine this from legal, medical, moral, psycho-social perspectives and discuss what we might be able to provide in the way of education or assistance for our parishioners and our neighborhood. Consideration might be given to what place this issue might have in the upcoming elections.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 14 2016.

In addition to visitor from CAIN, we will carry over the roles and agenda items from the February 8 meeting which we have not already addressed.

Faith Formation Commission, March 17, 2016

PRESENT; Claire Tenhundfeld, John Meyer, Joe D'Angelo, Ying Boissy, Marianne Hartkemeyer, John Mercado, Carol Gabis, Deb Cook

FACILITATOR: John Meyer

PRAYER: Deb Cook

RECORDER: Carol Gabis

TIME KEEPER: Ying Boissy

Maintenance: The article, "Why Men Don't Go to Church" was discussed. Catholics don't make room for masculine traits. We will go over the discussion questions next meeting.

DISCUSSION:

- **Needs Assessment Review:** The questionnaire prepared by Claire was reviewed. Father said that one person can speak at each Mass to encourage parishioners to respond. The questionnaires will be in the pews. This will be done the first or second week after Easter. Claire will check with Father on the specific date. The following members will speak at the following masses: 4:30 John Mercado; 9:00 John Meyer; 11:00 Marianne Hartkemeyer.
- **RCIA Recruitment for 2016-2017:** We need to think of a way to find new people to join the Church. How do we impress on people that it is their duty to invite people to join the Church? We need to identify what we have to offer.
- **Spiritual Gifts Inventory:** Would people be interested in participating? How can we promote the use of this survey?
- **Holy Thursday Program:** 46 people are registered. Marianne Hartkemeyer did a great job getting the food ready. John Meyer and Deb Cook will read. Help is needed to get things ready on Thursday.
- **Progress toward parish Goals:** Next year we will have 24 students from Little Flower at OLG. It was suggested that we continue as Faith Formation Commission, but also as Education Commission if that is needed.

NEXT MEETING: April 21

Prayer – Carol Gabis; Recorder–Joe D'Angelo ; Facilitator–John Mercado; Time Keeper–Deb Cook

Peace and Justice Commission, April 11, 2016

PRESENT: Mary Anne Boyd, Kathy Hays, Debbie Otero, Claire Tenhundfeld, Don Weinkam, Marian Kaiser, Jodi Knollman

RECORDER: Kathy Hays

DECISIONS: It was decided that our Maintenance part of the next meeting will be "The Rights of Workers" from our cancelled February meeting.

Claire will send a link to members regarding "Faithful Citizenship" so we can be familiar with the bishops' perspective on election-related issues.

The information contained within the article "Drug Facts" will be divided into six parts to be placed in the bulletin, not a separate flyer.

Claire will meet with Sr. June from St. Clare to find out how they have assisted with CAIN in the past.

DISCUSSION: How to evangelize members of our parish and community was discussed. St. Ann has a Spanish Mass and Janet included songs in Spanish during some of the Masses. Also discussed was that we should invite new members of the parish or current ones that do not participate to join in parish activities or projects. We should also encourage parishioners to join new activities/groups to get to know other members of the parish.

Debbie will research and provide the group with information on how to properly dispose of medications so we can pass this information along to the parish.

REPORTS: Everyone agreed that Scott Stephens presentation was very good.

Approximately 42 people came and time was allotted for parishioners to discuss volunteer activities they are involved in.

NEXTMEETING: May 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.