

Minutes Holy Spirit Social Justice Commission 10/06/11

Present: Judy O'Fallon, Richard Hartmann, Bob Loechler , Margie Hake, John McGuire, Ariel Caride

Opening prayer: Last Sunday's Gospel.

Minutes of last meeting were approved.

Starting in November, meetings will start at 7:15 PM.

Speakers Series:

We'll purchase cookies from Sam's through the Church's membership. We'll plan for 40 people. Margie will again give an introduction. The speakers' series once again will be announced in the website and in the bulletin.

Hunger Day: World Food day originated in 1981 and has always been recognized on October 16. Hunger Sunday is an adaptation by Bread for the World. There will be a table in the Narthex that Sunday with information about Bread for the World, encouraging advocacy to fight hunger. Two bulletin announcements will precede Hunger Sunday.

Advent Project: Judy reported on the status of the refugee project by the Liturgy Commission. Our group will support the effort by helping to staff the table in the narthex on every Sunday during Advent. There will be a box to collect the gifts as well as cards and donation envelopes. We will be asked to sign up for particular masses closer to the beginning of Advent.

Newsletter: We discussed when the next Newsletter should come out, as well as possible articles. One article could be a summary of the speakers' talks. Another article could be about the closing of the Blooming Prairie Dental office, which was the only one in the area that accepted MN Medical Assistance. This was caused by changes in the reimbursement system.

IHN: Next scheduled for October 9-16.

Sunday Meals: October 16. KC is helping this round

Saturday noon meal at CUUM: John McGuire is again organizing this. It will be the Saturday before Christmas, Dec. 17th.

Friday Assistance: The number of families has increased from about 40 to about 80 in the last few years. Often families are turned away for lack of funds.

Next meeting: Nov 3rd. at 7:15 PM.

Closing Prayer.