

St. Nicholas Parish

Living Justice Committee

Monday February 13, 2017

Minutes

Members in Attendance: Judy Bekkers, Pat Austin, Jill VerVoort, Carrie Schuh, Denise Smudde, Diana Scoville, Linda Van Handel, Heather Ponschock, and Eric Weydt (Catholic Social Justice Coordinator)

Old Business:

- 1.) We received a "Thank You" card from Homeless Connections for the donations of socks, hats, and mittens.
- 2.) Suggestions we received from poster board display that was in the back of church were from Father Walters only:
 - A.) 40 Days for Life
 - B.) Elizabeth Ministry- preborn and infant loss grief support
 - C.) March for Life in January
 - D.) Bowling for Life in October
- 3.) Angel Tree...any improvements for next year?
 - A.) Absolutely NO cash donations
 - B.) Adopted 10 families-and collected all presents!
 - C.) Use Christmas tree instead of the tapestry next year?
- 4.) Women's Kind Clinic/Mother and Unborn Baby Care
Heather Ponschock discussed her experience in touring the clinic, what resources the clinic provides to our community, how the clinic is funded, etc.
 - A.) Father Walters is setting up a weekend that a representative from the clinic can come to St. Nicholas Parish and talk to the congregation in May.
 - B.) "Baby Bottle" collection: Plan is for us to distribute baby bottles for parishioners to fill with coins and return to church in May.
 - C.) "Bowl for Life"- is a fundraiser they do during a weekend in February. Fun day of bowling for pledges, food, and prizes.

New Business

- 1.) Mother's Day Rose Sale- all agreed to order 400 roses to sell again this year.
- 2.) Eric Weydt from diocese informed us of:
 - A.) Who makes up the Living Justice Dept. for the diocese
 - B.) The Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching
 - C.) Ways in which we can best serve those in need through the works of our committee; for example the Fair Trade Program, World Mission Services, etc.

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting:

Monday April 10th at 6:30pm