

St. Nicholas Parish
Living Justice Committee
Monday September 12, 2016
Minutes

Members in attendance: Heather Ponschock, Jill VerVoort, Pat Austin, Judy Bekkers, Diana Scoville, Cathy Vanderlogt, Donna Hildebrand, Denise Smudde, and Carrie Schuh

Tuesday May 31st Meeting Minutes Approved

Old Business:

A.) School Supply Drive a success!

- We were able to provide school supplies to Columbus School, St. Nicholas, Freedom Elementary, Freedom Middle School and 2 children of a house fire.
- Improvements = Communicate with St. Nicholas teachers at end of this school year for requests for following year and Pat Austin to communicate school collection details with guidance councilor/teachers at Freedom Elementary when collection is delivered.

B.) Rosebud Blessing Bouquet

- All supplies have been purchased. Awaiting delivery of table by Sept. 19. Will then setup in church week of 19th.
- Father Walters to bless roses and present to parishioners October 2 (Respect for Life Sunday)

C.) Contact Mr. Gerritts in regards to Monica Meyer Grant. Waiting for response back from Mr. Gerritts to purchase supplies requested by Mrs. Morrin (God Knew Your Name DVD \$18 and 350ct. Precious Feet Pins \$276)

New Business:

A.) Anointing of the Sick Dinner

- Jill VerVoort will contact Jill Cropsey and Father Walters to choose a date and start preparing for event.

B.) Hat and Mitten Drive

- Collection will be October 22/23 and 29/30 weekends.

C.) 1 year strategic goals identified for 2016-2017 year. With objective to "Identify Activities to Manifest a Living Faith Using Themes of Catholic Social Teaching."

- Goal #1: Rosebud Blessing Bouquet Program- Presentation of program to parishioners will be Oct. 2 mass. It will provide a program to help St. Nicholas to identify, pray for, and support those who are pregnant, celebrating birth or adoption, grieving miscarriage, still birth, abortion, infant or child death or waiting to become pregnant.
- Goal #2: Reach out to the poor and vulnerable by increasing our communication to parishioners about the activities that already exist within the Living Justice

Committee. Tools include church bulletin postings, fliers on church doors, verbal communication by a member during mass, bulletin board setup in back of church providing calendar of events that committee is involved in, etc.

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting:

Monday October 24 at 6:00pm in parish office classroom.