

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CLUSTER  
SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 14, 2022 – 7 :00 PM  
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, FAYETTE

**Attendees:** Lois McElvania (HN); Elaine Reicks (SFA); Maureen Johnson (SP); Ann Egan (IC); Andy Johnson (SP); Janelle Soppe (HN); Fr. Ralph Davis

**Absent:** Kathy Emper (SFA); Deacon Michal Schemmel; Mike Woodson (Pastoral Council Rep)

Meeting was led by Lois McElvania as Chair.

**I. Opening Prayer:** Offered by Lois.

**II. Review & Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Elaine to approve, Andy seconded – motion carried.

**III. Review & Approval of Minutes of March Meeting:** Motion by Andy to approve, Elaine seconded – motion carried.

**IV. Old Business: Revolving Calendar**

An updated Revolving Calendar was presented and discussed with updates through December.

**Mother's Day/Father's Day**

Thank you letter from Mary's Inn was read. \$655 was collected on Mother's Day for Mary's Inn ministry. This was a relatively easy outreach with positive results.

No idea from this committee was implemented for Father's Day this year.

**V. New Business: Disability Inclusion Ministry & Advocacy**

Discussed recent Archdiocesan request for establishing an Inclusion Ministry. Discussion points: Parishioners known to have special needs were identified; What types of special needs can be addressed and how; Making our buildings more handicap accessible. This will be an item for continued prayer and discussion.

**August Kleenex Challenge**

This year's dates are August 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> through August 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. Publicity in the bulletin and posters; placing the collection urns in all the churches.

**Fall Gift Basket Outreach**

Reviewed prior efforts. Discussed how relevant this is given pandemic protocols being eased. Ideas of cards sent as during Easter; having Rel Ed kids doing cards; baskets of treats rather than "things"; etc. This item tabled until the October meeting as there will be time yet to get this together then.

**VI. Other:**

No items of business were presented.

**VII. Fr. Davis Comments**

Fr. Davis expressed his opinion that it sounded like this committee was well in hand. He cautioned that he most likely would not make it to many of our meetings but would like to be kept informed of our projects.

**VIII. Next Meeting Date**

October 13, 2022 – Andy will do the Opening Prayer.

**VII. Adjournment and Closing Prayer**

Fr. Davis led the Closing Prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Johnson

Secretary

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Publicity for Kleenex Challenge

Set up collection urns

Ideas for Fall Gift Basket Outreach

Ideas for Inclusion Ministry