ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CLUSTER SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES March 25, 2025

St. Francis of Assisi, Fayette

Participants: Elaine Reicks (SFA); Maureen Johnson (SP); Andy Johnson (SP); Janelle Soppe (HN) Lois McElvania (HN); Joyce Friederich (HN); Mark Walker (Cluster Pastoral Council Representative)

Absent: Denice Fink (Cluster Pastoral Council Representative); Ann Eagan (IC); Fr. Ralph Davis; Deacon Michal Schemmel;

- I. Opening Prayer: Led by Lois
- II. Review & Approval of Agenda: Janelle moved; Elaine seconded; motion carried.
- **III. Review & Approval of Minutes of January Meeting**: Elaine moved; Joyce seconded; motion carried.

IV. Old Business:

Revolving Calendar

Reviewed, discussed, and updated

February Food Pantry Month

The response was very good! Collection totaled \$2,105.00 with parish breakdown as follows: HN \$520; IC \$300; SFA \$550; SP \$735.

V. New Business:

Easter Outreach

Maureen shared information on how it has worked fairly well at SP. It was decided to try the same format at HN and SFA. There will be bulletin stuffers this weekend. Cards should be collected and mailed on Holy Week so that they arrive around Easter. Maureen had a large collection of cards from which everyone chose a supply for their parish. In addition, SFA will put together small Easter candy bags for Maplecrest residents. HN will prepare cards to be delivered to all those on the list for Communion distribution on Thursdays.

VI. Other:

Mother's Day Collection for Mary's Inn – (May 11th)

This is a worthy cause and a great way to commemorate mothers. Discussed ideas of how to facilitate giving for those people who do not carry cash. Includes have Fr. Davis announce it the week before Mother's Day; create special envelopes for people to take and bring back with their donation. Elaine will make envelopes for SFA and Janelle for HN. Maureen will do envelopes for SP and IC.

Father's Day

With no new ideas, and since the Cluster has a good supply, we will put out the booklet of Father's Prayers again this year.

VIII. Next Meeting Date

Scheduled for July 15, 2025.

VII. Adjournment and Closing Prayer Led by Lois

Respectfully submitted: Maureen Johnson Secretary

ACTION ITEMS:

Bulletin stuffers for Easter Outreach Bulletin Announcements for Mother's Day Mother's Day Collection Envelopes Group emails on Easter Outreach? Group emails on Mother's Day Collection? Cluster Social Justice write-up