

Social Justice Ministry Meeting

January 31, 2024

Agenda Notes

Opening Prayer: Sue McNamara led us in prayer: A Meditation by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

People Attending: Sue McNamara; Tim Paulitz; Bill Engels; Bunnie Lawhead; Fr. Steve Dublinski; Francy Pavlas Bose

Prayer Bread and Soup:

- It was decided that the Social Justice Ministry will lead the Stations of the Cross and provide the follow-up meal of Soups and Rolls on Wednesday March 6. Tim Paulitz and Bill Engels will lead the prayers of the Social Justice Stations of the Cross.
- We will need to provide six soups and five breads
- Currently Tim Paulitz and Bill Engels will provide the five bread or rolls.
- We will also need five more soups.
- **Please contact Francy at: francy@pavlasbose.com 509-432-5254 to volunteer to bring a soup.**
- Help is also welcome to set-up and clean-up the social hall for the event.
- If you would like to help with either, please contact Francy to volunteer,

Family Promise Needs:

- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Laundry soap
- Dryer sheets
- Dishwasher detergent
- Adult cough & cold medicine
- Adult painkillers
- Children's cough & cold medicine
- Children's painkillers
- Ice packs
- Children's underwear
- Children's socks
- 13 gallon garbage bags
- Kids shampoo/conditioner
- Hand soap
- Size 4 diapers
- Pull-ups
- Towels
- Trash cans
- Laundry baskets

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Community Action Center Needs can also be found on this attachment:

Food Items:

- Canned Meats; Canned Fruits; Canned Beans; Canned Soups; Canned Vegetables; Mac n Cheese; Spaghetti Sauce; Milk Alternative; Sugar/Flour; Gluten Free items; Rice Dry Beans; Cooking oils; Jam/Jelly; Peanut Butter; Pancake Mix; Oatmeal; Cereal; Dried Fruit.

Non-Food Items:

- Toilet Paper; Paper Towels; Cleaning Supplies; Deodorant; Body/Bar soap; Shampoo; Tooth Brushes; Feminine Hygiene; Laundry Detergent; Dish Soap; Pet Food;

Baby Supplies

- Formula; Diapers -1-6; Baby Wipes; Baby Food; Baby Wash

Cougar Food Pantry: Did not provide a list of current needs

Pullman Food Bank (Pullman Child Welfare)

- Pullman Food Bank is open every Saturday Morning. People can access each week.
- The Food Bank can use any non-perishable foods.
- They also welcome financial donation which can be sent to: Pullman Child Welfare at PO Box 513; Pullman WA 99163
- During Lent, all food donation at Sacred Heart will be collected for the Pullman Food Bank.
- A list of possible donations will be distributed the week before Ash Wednesday.

Pioneer Square: Volunteer Opportunities

- Short or long Term:
- Anna McHugh, Social Service Coordinator, will come to the SJM meeting to discuss the short and long term volunteer opportunities available at Pioneer Square.
- Anna is also interested in receiving items from Move Out Pitch In, Francy assured her, that Pioneer Square has always been on the list of recipients of items from MOPI.
- Meanwhile, Sue and Francy will investigate whether any of the items stored at Simpson Methodist by the Interfaith Leaders Group could be donated to Pioneer Square.
- Sue and Francy will check into it.

Disciples in Dialogue:

- The next possible Disciple around Ibram X Kendi's book *How to be an Anti-racist* is still scheduled for Fall 2024
- Fr. Steve suggested that after having numerous discussions through Disciples in Dialogue, we may want to consider discussing what we should do to directly address the issue in Pullman.

NEIGHBORS IN DIALOGUE Discussion of next program on Racism issues is planned for April with CCUCC Justice and Witness Ministry

- A panel discussion with:
 - Allen Sutton (Executive Director of Office of Outreach at WSU)
 - Terry Buffington, an anthropology professor who grew up in Mississippi and
 - Trymaine Gaither- Special Assistant to the Provost for Inclusive Excellence
- Topic: "How do we address racism problems that we encounter."
- Date after Easter: _____
- At CCUCC

Refugee Resettlement Update:

There was no discussion about Refugees at the last meeting of the Interfaith Leaders Group

Update: Fair Trade/Craft sale and benefit:

- Half of the profits from the sale will go to WSU English Language Classes for Refugees
- The cost is very high, but they guarantee that people taking the class will be 'fluent' to work at the conclusion.
- Bill Engels mentioned a much less expensive program at the local community college, that would be helpful, but not fluent as the WSU class.

LAUDATO SI' DISCIPLE:

- The next Laudato Si' Presentation will address Pope Francis Letter on the Environment in three nights
- April 18; 25 ; and May 2
- It will include the letter and video presentations for discussion
- Parish Refresher of Laudato Si' at Sacred Heart may possibly be included.:
 - Currently at SH: TREX; Glass Recycling; Landscape Changes; Lighting/Insulation; Personal commitments.
 - Issues of concern included; Water Usage on the Palouse and how to improve; Food Waste issues;

Fr. Steve is leading a Disciples in Dialogue on Pope Francis' Declaration of Pastoral Meaning of Blessings

- Approximately 22 people attended the first session with 3 or 4 others on zoom
- Second and third sessions are February 1 and 8.

Community Connections:

- Christmas Greeting report: I
 - Approximately 332 cards were distributed from Jefferson Elementary and Sacred Heart Parish
 - To: Bishop Place; Regency; Circles of Caring; Pioneer Square; Avalone; Homebound
- Suggestion for Easter or Spring are still in the making;
- Community Connections welcomes suggestions
- Kat Harris suggested that for the Sacred Heart people who are home bound, perhaps we could provide yearly Birthday Greetings and such.

Updates:

- Family Promise
 - Sacred Heart is hosting February 16 and 17
 - Hosting requires providing Friday and Saturday dinners; sharing the dinner
 - And two people to be overnight hosts.
 - Tim Paulitz will be making Mass announcement at all Masses this weekend about how to get involved with Family Promise in the parish
- Action Alerts:
 - There were no action alerts in December
 - Catholic Mobilizing Network: There was a second attempt at execution in Alabama on January 24 via an unproven method. He was executed using Nitrogen Hypoxia
 - WSCC New Statement from our Bishops: 'Our call to Serve Vulnerable Populations in our Communities. Copies available for the asking
 - WSCC also has links to bills to act on in the Washington State Legislature.
- TREX: Currently on track to collect 1000 pounds of plastic in a year.

- Helping Hands: This was the first time Helping Hands provided meals to three families at the same time.
 - Seven meals taken to family with newborn plus 2 older brother
 - Three non-fat, post -surgery meals were delivered
 - A total of 11 meals from 12/26 to 1/5 were taken to a parish family who welcomed their first baby.

UPDATE: Eastern Washington Annual Legislative Workshop; Saturday January 27, 2024:

- This annual event was attended in person by five people in person and by four people virtually
- Many opportunities to address our concerns during this legislative session.
- It was noted that the biggest cause for homelessness in Washington has been the large rental increases. Measures are before legislators to limit increases to 5% (rent stabilization)

Move Out Pitch In: Who would like to start the planning for this spring's restart of MOPI this spring?

- Tim reported that he has not received any communication from the Assistant Director of Residence Life who is responsible for setting up MOPI
- Tim will contact him to start the plans for this spring (Montgomery Mewers).
- There is much that needs to be organized for MOPI to happen this spring.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 27

Closing Prayer: Sue McNamara led us in prayer: "Be With Us, Lord"