

Social Justice Ministry Meeting
Thursday, March 20th at 9:30 am
Minutes

Opening Prayer: To Those Who Are Hungry by Catholic Relief Services was read by Francy Bose

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

Prayer Bread and Soup: Wednesday April 9

We are still in need of three more soups.

If you are able to provide one of the soups, please contact Francy at 509-432-6254 or francy@pavlasbose.com

Set up

1. Francy Bose
2. Tim Paulitz

Read Stations

1. Bill Engles
2. Tim Paulitz

Soup

1. Francy Bose
2. Sue McNamara
3. Fletcher Aukerman

Bread

1. Tim Paulitz
2. Bill Engles
3. Bunnie Lawhead

Clean Up

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Current Direct Needs

- Community Action Center CAC: LENTEN FOOD DRIVE
 1. The Food Drive is for the six weeks of Lent
 2. During the first two weeks 107 lbs and 54 lbs were donated
 3. Flyers are still available at the church entrance.
- Family Promise of the Palouse
 1. A new location for Day Center, an empty frat house on College Hill in Pullman.
 2. The house is expected to be available for two years
 3. Will continue to house families in churches every week
 4. Moving by the end of March
- Parish Food Pantry:
 1. Going well;
 2. Seems to be more people accessing or people taking more items
 3. Collection donations with Food Bank in the memo line designates food bank needs at Sacred Heart; CAC; or Cougar Pantry,
- Pioneer Square
 1. We need things such as canned vegetables, canned protein, dry goods (rice, pasta), canned fruit.
 2. Mostly just food staples/basics to help supplement some residents as needed.

3. A specific food need list has been provided and Franci will purchase the items this week.

Neighbors in Dialogue: Tim reported that there will be a “Dialogue” with LGBTQ community in the fall.

Refugee Resettlement Update : Ukrainian Refugees

1. Uncertainty; nothing to do at this point
2. Families and individuals are still meeting at Sacred Heart
3. There has been two demonstrations in support of the Ukrainians at the Cougar Plaza

Laudato Si’ Disciples:

- The next event celebrating Laudato Si will be a “Bike to Church Sunday” on a weekend in June between the 8:30 and 11:00 am Masses
- Watch for information in the bulletin and future Social Justice minutes

EARTH DAY April 22

- Watch for activities to participate in in the area
- Earth Day events sponsored by Citizens of Climate Lobby
 - o Pizza for the Planet, April 22, 2025, 12-4pm, Ruby Street Park, Pullman
 - o CCL Earth Day presentation at Bishop Place, April 23, 2:00pm, Pullman
 - o Good Food Co-op Stream Cleanup – Sat, April 26, 10:00-12:00, City Playfields at 820 SE South St. <https://www.pullmangoodfoodcoop.com/events>
- Sat. April 26, Moscow’s East City Park, sponsored by Inland North Waste

Community Connections:

- Bunnie reported that 320 “Greeting Cards” have been provided by Lina Quock
- A colorful flower with messages of joy; happiness; blessings etc were added by many people in multiple colors
- The cards will be given to people living in Bishop Place; Regency; Pioneer Square; Circles of Caring; Pullman Care; and the homebound.

Updates:

- o Family Promise
 - Sacred Heart will be hosting families on April 4th and 5
 - Overnight hosts are covered- Tim Bill Engles and Rob Cassleman
 - Two dinner Meals are needed:
 1. Friday Night meal needs a volunteer
 2. Miho has volunteered to provide the Saturday night meal
- o Comfort Food Cook-off Fundraiser is 4/26. It was decided that we will provide Mishti Doi
- o Helping Hands:
Six bereavement meals were provided for Laurie Caraher and Family, 3-12 – 3-17
- o Action Alerts: (Sue) Via Flocknotes
 - o Requested letters to stop executions for 6 people in March thru Catholic Mobilizing Network
 - o Twice Sent links for Washington residents to comment on bills going thru our state legislature - Washington State Catholic Conference
- o TREX:
 - o We are on schedule to collect 1000 pounds of plastic in a year
 - o The bench we loaned to the landfill has been returned.

2025 Legislative Conference: “Legislature still in session. Session Ends: April 27, 2025

Move Out Pitch In:

- Collection at residence halls has been canceled this year
- Plans have been organized by Center for Civic Engagement to collect items off campus by Habitat For Humanity in CCUCC parking lot for College Hill
- Other items will be collected by CCE.
- Suggestion will be made to connect with Hope Haven to possibly distribute some of the furniture and housewares that are donate,
- Clothing maybe donated to Palouse Treasures
- There is a planning meeting on March 31st Move Out Pitch In (MOPI) discussion Monday, March 31:2:30 – 3:30pm Location: CUB L38 (Lower Level)
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Pullman Homeless Alliance:

- Groups working with homelessness are meeting around helping Hope Haven in Colfax
- Working together to prevent needless duplication or working against each other
- Example of efforts: Knights sponsored Fish Fry with proceeds going to Hope Haven,
- The overall plan is to work together to stabilize Hope Haven
- With what is learned, the plan is to duplicate in other places.
- The group is meeting once a month at UCC. Next meeting Thurs. March 27 at 2 PM.
Will be meeting with Hope Haven and maybe get count in time information from Community Action Center.

Earned Income Tax Credit:

- The federal earned income tax credit, which has been around for 50 years, is designed to give low-income wage earners a financial life through the tax system.
- In some cases, people who qualify for this Earned Income Tax Credit don't make enough money to pay taxes and therefore don't file a federal tax form
- Here is the Internal Revenue Service website for Earned Income Credit information and forms:
<https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/individuals/earned-income-tax-credit-eitc>

Support for DACA: Students: Update/ Know Your Rights Workshop for Immigrants, Refugees and Allies.
Was held on March 6 at UCC with Geoffrey Heeren from U. of I. Immigrant Law Clinic. Plan to continue to monitor the situation and be prepared. Distributing red “Know Your Rights” cards.

Staples improved recycling program continues. Sacred Heart ONLY collecting plastic (TREX), & cartridges get \$ rebate

<https://www.staples.com/stores/recycling#whatcanberecycledinstore> Flyers put in bulletins in June.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 23rd at 7 pm in the Social Hall

Closing Prayer: Sue McNamara lead us in the closing prayer: ‘Hope Amidst Dark Clouds’