

Social Justice Ministry Meeting

Thursday, August 21, 2025

Minutes

Opening Prayer: Prayer For November pt. 1 prayed by Sue McNamara

People Attending Tim Paulitz; Sue McNamara; Fr. Steve Dublinski; Bunnie Lawhead; Bill Engels; Gladys Rice; Jamal Lyksett; Francys Pavlas Bose

Current Direct Needs

- **Community Action Center CAC:**
 - The list of food needs is being sent by Elora from the Community Action Center Food Bank. These needs will be in the bulletin
 - Fr. Suggests we plan now for an Advent needs drive

- **Family Promise of the Palouse:** New Location next to St. Thomas: Needs include:
 - Diapers (size 4&5)
 - Pull-Ups (3T/4T/5T)
 - baby Wipes
 - Paper Towels
 - Toilet Paper
 - Dish Soap
 - Dish Sponges
 - Cleaning Products
 - Hairbrushes
 - Infant Tylenol
 - Baby Orajel
 - Shampoo and Conditioner
 - Body Wash

- **Parish Food Pantry:** UPDATE: Current Funds in Account: \$722
 - First weeks of WSU Classes: Food needs are high
 - Concern that students new to Pullman need location of current Food Banks – A new business card-sized list with a QR code will be composed
 - At S.H.'s Parish Food Pantry -- the focus is on **food**
 - BUT concern about items not available through SNAP such as cleaning supplies; personal care needs and toilet paper.

- **Cougar Pantry:**
 - The Cougar Pantry sent an itemized list of needs that can be used to form a four-week food drive
 - Discussion focused on food/needs drive the week after Labor Day
 - Flyers will be distributed the week prior to the start of the drive

- **Cougar Pantry: (cont.)**

- *If you are available to distribute the fliers, PLEASE contact Francy to tell her of your availability*
- It was suggested that a “New” color be used for the flyer so that people see it as NEW.
- See attached flyer of current needs
- *Drive will start September 14th with flyers distributed September 7th weekend*

- **Pioneer Square**: Sue and Francy will contact Pioneer Square for current needs and how Sacred Heart Parish can provide for possible needs.

Neighbors in Dialogue:

1. Tim stated Neighbors in Dialogue will focus on LGBTQ community
2. A presentation in late October or early November with and at CCUCC
3. Will check the parish calendar for a possible date in late October or early November 4.
4. Invitation and flyer to be developed
5. Tim will meet with L to get ideas on panelists.

Suggested Attendance: The Last Class : Film by Robert Reich October 19th 4 PM at Kenworthy Sponsored by Pullman UCC and Unitarians in Moscow
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0IHe13jW014>

MLK in January: Discussion and Planning:

- Plans for a “big” event with many churches and groups.
- Tim will meet with Palouse EDJE who could be the organizing group
- Could include a meal and presentation with possible discussion
- Get as many groups and churches as possible, including Palouse EDJE, Intersectional Advocacy Coalition, Terry Buffington Foundation, Interfaith Connections, etc. ▪ Fr. Steve suggested it could be at a church to reduce costs and we must be sensitive to other non-Christian communities.

Refugee Resettlement Update

- No information on the Status of Ukraine (or other) refugees.
 - Funds still available in two accounts: \$319 and \$1204 (accounts will be blended) (Sue will call Linea)

LAUDATO SI' DISCIPLE: Bill

- No Update on Sacred Heart improvements
- Fr. Steve said there is a Mass being developed "For the Care of Creation" by the Vatican.
- No TEXT for the proposed Mass on Creation available at this time.
- Look for more information as it becomes available

Community Connections: Bunnie

- Continuing program plans for 2025
- Proposed ideas for September meeting
- Ideas welcome, please contact Bunnie at: bunsbox@outlook.com

Family Promise: Tim

- Sacred Heart is hosting this weekend at Pullman Presbyterian Church, Aug. 22 and 23. Presently have 2 families. Thanks to Francy Bose and Katie Evermann for providing meals and Larry Bruya for evening host

Action Alerts: Sue

- Since 5-21:
 - via CMN: there were 6 executions (2 in FL!) in June, 2 in FL! in July, 2 in August
 - One piece of good news in AL! David Roberts was granted a Stay of Execution
 - USSCB asked for letters to Congress to Respect Creation in deliberations on the Budget and the Budget Reconciliation Bills
 - WSSCB alerts for asking Gov. to restore funds to the State Diaper Bank and to call the Trump Administration to restore funding to the Head Start program

TREX:

- Bill reported that Sacred Heart needs only 165 pounds of plastic to reach our yearly goal
- Need to find another group to donate our extra plastic to
- Bill will ask Jefferson School through Kat Harris and/or Meg Gollnick
- Suggestions for alternate collections are welcome

Helping Hands: Sue

- Meals were provided to: a parishioner & family while recovering from surgery
- And a Family of a dying parishioner

Pullman Homeless Alliance:

- Community Action has contracted with a company from Texas to write the 5-year plan.
- Group will meet on Sept 11 at 2 PM at UCC church with contractor to discuss plans.
Group will continue to meet to look at other options, independent of the 5-year plan.

SJM Meeting Location Change:

Father Steve announced that the Social Hall will not be available for the SJM meetings on Wednesdays after this meeting, for the 'school year'. The Space will be used by OCIA: The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Upcoming Events:

- Parish Picnic: Sunday, August 31 at 12:30 pm at Klemgard County Park: 4701 Upper Union Flat Rd; Colfax.

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

<https://www.staples.com/stores/recycling#whatcanberecycledinstore>

Flyers need to be put in bulletins soon, to remind current and inform new parishioners.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 18th at 7 pm in the Social Hall

Francy will confirm with Office on Parish calendar

Closing Prayer: Prayer For November pt. 2 prayed by Sue McNamara