

## NOTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION MEETING

**In attendance:** Frank C and Elizabeth, Peter, Eileen, Barbara, Bill Wood, Karen, Frank O'

1. **The Faith We Live series.** *Elizabeth* reported that all was ready for the September 15 session. *Frank C* reported that the October 1 session would meet at 9 am on October 1, Saturday, at the Granite City Park in Hallowell. The session will consist of a 3/4 mile or so walk, with periodic stops for reflection. Plans are still firming up for the prayer service scheduled for Tuesday, October 25.

The next sequence in the series, starting with January, will focus on family, community, and participation. People should think about ideas for these sessions and forward them to *Elizabeth* or other members of the planning committee (*Peter, Gina, Barbara*).

2. **The Garden.** *Frank C* reported that the parish garden has raised 1,157 pounds of vegetables so far, which have been delivered to food banks in Winthrop, Gardiner, and Augusta. A potato harvest is coming up soon!

3. **CRS support group.** *Bill W, Frank C, Frank O,* and *Elizabeth reported* that the next zoom meeting of the support group (led by *Martin*) will be on September 29 at 7 pm (rescheduled from September 22). Kathy Brown might be joining us, and we will discuss the results from our initial outreach, as well as how to grow the group.

4. **Bridging the gap collection.** *Peter B and Gina* have collected information. They will forward the numbers to *Frank O'*, who will prepare a bulletin announcement.

5. **Resources.** *Bill W* reports that there may be resources available in January to support specific programs.

6. **Native American rights.** *Frank O'* reported the availability of programs from Christ Church in Gardiner on the sovereignty issue. The group wanted Frank to look into creating a coffee and cookies session on the subject in the next few months, with a balanced presentation on all sides of the issue.

7. **New homeless shelter at South Parish Church in Augusta.** The group discussed how we (and other area churches) can support South Parish's effort. *Eileen* will follow up and talk to South Parish.

8. **Shirley's Barn.** *Peter B* will check with Shirley to see if there is a need for a fall collection of furniture.

**The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 11, at 7 pm on zoom.**