

# St. Odilia Social Justice Ministry Area Council

Minutes 02-21-2023

<b>Name</b>	<b>Attending? Y/N</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Attending? Y/N</b>
Beth Aune	N	Phil Aune	N
Sheba Fernandez	Y	John Hunt – PLC Rep	Y
Blaine Mably - Chair	Y	Bonnie Miller	N
Lynn Belgea	Y	Bernie Wiwel - Recorder	Y
Steve Kahat	Y	Attending PLC Rep –	Nancy

(PLC Reps: Vicky Cherne, Troy Gregory, Nancy Dieckmann )

## Opening Prayer

## Review of Last Minutes

Last minutes approved.

January Minutes Juneteenth is one word.

## PLC Update

- The council is currently looking for new PLC at large rep.
- Discussed efforts PLC is making on small group activities, and two groups being sent out for training.
- Looking at staffing a special group to help plan events. This is still in the planning stage.
- Discernment is coming up soon.
- Blaine mentioned he would like some feedback from PLC on the stewardship questionnaires that were sent out.

## Current Evangelization/Education Events

### Capitol Thursday's

- John participated in this, but was the only representative from St. Odilia. Along with John representatives from several other parishes met and talked with various legislatures trying to find common ground.

- John is interested in doing this again, probably working with the advocacy group of REM. He is thinking to focus in on a small number of bills.
- Possibly next opportunity to meet will be in May.

## **REM**

- Currently working on reorganizing their meeting structure so as not silo the different groups. The plan is to transition to one meeting with all of groups present. Project meetings will still be held separately.
- Juneteenth is still being planned out.
- Mary Speaks is planned for March 3 to 5, and work is ongoing to promote a good turn out.

## **Faith and Racial Healing**

- 7 to 8 people attending the latest Faith and Racial healing. Things are going very well.
- Several people attending have connections outside St. Odilia.
- One person attending is also interested in joining REM.
- There have been many good discussions with this group which is all virtual.

## **Just Deeds Speakers**

- Hoping to have two speakers about discriminatory covenants, but date needed to be moved to March 23, so will not align with Black History month.
- Would like to see all SJC participate.
- These plans went over well with the PLC council, there is a note in the messenger, and will be in the enews and bulletin.
- Steve discussed ideas for widening the audience, asking whether we should be more inclusive of the local community, but the general feel for this after further discussion was to keep it more within the parish.
- Blaine however is interested in inviting SJC members of other parishes in order to share this with the wider Catholic communities.
- Steve is also looking to have a weekend to set up an after mass donuts or flier table to promote the speakers.
- Sheba also included information on this in one of her Bulletin articles for black history month.
- Blaine is thinking maybe we can hold this a second time where we can reach out to a broader community.

## **Catholic Racial Justice Coalition**

- Blaine shared details on the Catholic Racial Justice Coalition and a meeting that is to be held on this.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Enews and Bulletin**

- Blaine mentioned Phil was thinking we need to organize a little better our communication with Amy and handing off and publishing articles.

### **Lent**

- Discussed putting Overcoming Racism Stations of the Cross into the eNews each week.
- Over all feel was to put this into the eNews and have it given out all at once.

### **Endowment Funds**

- Thought needs to be put into what proposals SJC will put forth for the upcoming endowment funds.
- Steve is thinking about getting funding for standardizing on eco friendly cups and eat-wear.

## **Other Council Business**

### **Closing Prayer**