

St. Odilia Social Justice Ministry Area Council

Minutes 03-21-2023

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

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

Opening Prayer

Review of Last Minutes

Last minutes approved.

PLC Update

John was out this week.

Current Evangelization/Education Events

Reviewed Mary Speaks Play

Discussed the Catholic Racial Justice Coalition (CRJC) event that was held March 18

- Many attending expressed feelings about a general difficulty in moving on social justice issues.
- Discussed how some parishes seem to be more active in social justice programs than others perhaps because of varying demographics.
- Relating to the synod and pastoral letter and mission, it is difficult to understand why more parishes do not take a stronger social justice stance.
- It was noted that the CRJC is a broader group than the archdiocese.
- Some thoughts were that we need a more open dialogue with people about social justice endeavors.

Racial Equity Ministry (REM)

- A new organizational structure is in place now. People are welcome to join.
- There is an interest from CRJC to support the Juneteenth mass. Blaine will be meeting with Fr. Rutten to talk about this along with some other topics.
- Thursday night is the speaker on Discriminatory Covenants, in the courtyard at 6:30.

Upcoming Events

Coffee and Donuts Events

- Planning an Earth Day coffee and donuts April 23. Beth is going to work on a bulletin add for this event. Steve is working on organizing help for this after masses.
- May 14 is planned for a coffee and donuts booth to help sell tickets for Saint Peter Claver (SPC) chicken BBQ.

SJC Terms Ending

- A reminder that some SJC terms are ending.

SJC Planning Retreat

- Set to be held Saturday May 20, 12-3 in St. Monica Room

Endowment Funds Requests

Discussed funding proposals for:

- Purchase of non-Styrofoam cups.
- Habitat for Humanity.
- Help for family experiencing ICE hardships.
- Recycling efforts.
- REM speaker.
- Respect life ministry.

Other Business

- Discussed St. Joseph mass.
- Discussed need to find ways to organize, coordinate and consolidate group communications with Amy to better facilitate her work in publishing SJC articles.

Closing Prayer