

# St. Odilia Social Justice Ministry Area Council

Minutes 09-19-2023

<b>Name</b>	<b>Attending? Y/N</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Attending? Y/N</b>
Beth Aune	Y	Phil Aune - Chair	Y
Sheba Fernandez	Y	Annetta Sutton	Y
Lynn Belgea	Y	Bernie Wiwel - Recorder	Y
Steve Kahat	Y	Attending PLC Rep –	Anne Rodenberg
Barb Woodruff	N		

(PLC Reps: Vicky Cherne, Troy Gregory, Anne Rodenberg, Allison Dirksen )

## Opening Prayer

## Review of Last Minutes

Minutes were approved.

## PLC Update

Beth gave an update on the last PLC meeting:

- In last PLC Beth and Steve presented material for the REM speaker event with James Steward scheduled for Oct 26 event. There was discussion about information provided in a fact sheet.
- A budget was approved in the last PLC.
- Reviewed other updates from PLC meeting.

## Fall Festival Basket

- Discussed costs on the Fall Festival basket.

## REM Speaker Update

- REM is currently seeking a title for the talk to be given by prof James Stewart.
- A preliminary title was chosen as 'Understanding our Neighbors, Understanding Ourselves'
- A fact sheet/hand-out was created for the talk and reviewed at the last PLC.
- Discussed mentioning St. Odilia as organizing partner for the event.

- Discussed organization of space options and the use of a burner phone for registrations.
- Anne suggestion the Parish web site might also be an option for taking reservations via a web form. (See Amy Eton)
- Don't forget, the event is scheduled for Oct 26 and invite two friends to come along.

## **REM Coffee and Donuts**

- SJC is interested in helping REM with coffee and donuts events.
- There can be a table arranged to promote different SJC agendas.
- This work can be a SJC/REM joint effort.

## **Endowment Fund**

- Sheba wants to touch base with Fr. James again and review the endowment fund planning.
- It is important to get things in place so the fund can go in hand with the North Star Promise program. (If a student applies to North Star, then they would also need to provide some contribution, and the St. Odilia fund would in turn help the student to meet that criteria)
- The endowment is planned to be placed as sub-fund of St Odilia fund managed by the Catholic Community Foundation.
- The Catholic Community Foundation is going to come to St. Odilia on Oct 12 hosting a presentation about the fund.
- SJC plans to promote further contribution into the fund in order to gain traction on sustaining it into the future. The Green Envelope can also help with this.

## **SPC Mass/Community Get Together**

- An update was given on the Saint Peter Claver Mass and Community Get Together that was attended by SJC members.
- It was a well organized social event with welcoming connections being made with most of SPC's Social Justice Council members.
- During the event, students were presented the St. Peter Claver scholarship (a \$500 award) which is given out twice a year.
- Sheba invited about 10 members of SPC to come share mass at St. Odilia on Oct 22 at 11:00am, and would like to have them stay afterwards for a meal with us.
- Discussion followed about planning for the mass and the meal afterwards. Some ideas were using the Vivian building to hold the meal, Creative Catering or a pot-luck as possible means of providing the meal.
- A name that Sheba suggests for the mass/meal gathering is 'Fellowship with SJC from St. Peter Claver'.

- The SPC social justice has expressed interested in finding ways to collaborate with us, and this 'Fellowship' event is being planned as a small group initial meeting to spur on further growth in that direction.

## **Publications**

- Poster for Mental Health and Depression Awareness.
- Black Catholic History Month: could use previous poster and finish it up.
- Sheba has an article for October addressing depression.
- Lynn is writing a winter article on 'What is Social Justice', and something on the 'North Star Promise'

## **New Activity**

- Discussed a request from Blaine and Richard to investigate to use the Endowment fund to help jump start people with economic hardships with down payments on their home, especially within the black community. – This idea needs further development.

## **Art From the Inside**

- One idea given toward this effort was to plan something for Christmas, have some names of families and children so it would be possible to provide gifts perhaps through the giving tree tradition.

## **Other Items**

- Anne mentioned Wilder Homeless Research center is looking for volunteer interviewers for Oct 26.

## **Closing Prayer**