

# St. Odilia Social Justice Ministry Area Council

## *Minutes 10-16-2023*

Name	Attending? Y/N	Name	Attending? Y/N
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 –	none
Barb Woodruff	N		

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

## Opening Prayer

## Report from World Youth Day Participants

SJC helped to sponsor a group of St. Odilia's Latino youth on a pilgrimage to Portugal as participants in the celebration of World Youth Day with the Pope. Organizer Cristian and a fellow participant presented the details of their journey and experience and expressed their thanks and interest in expanding this opportunity at St. Odilia for the future World Youth Days.

## Review of Last Minutes

Approved last month's minutes.

## PLC Update

Brief update given on last PLC meeting covering the following points:

- Church renovation update.
- Fall Festival raised around \$10K in funds and SJC basket sold for more than the cost to make it.
- Time needed to identify SJC goals for next year.

## **Reminder on Next SJC Meeting**

- There is NO meeting in Nov.
- The next meeting will be on the first Tuesday of December (Dec. 5th).
- Planning to work on SJC goals during the December meeting.

## **Past Activity**

### ***Ministry Fair***

The SJC and REM tables at the ministry fair were well attended:

- There was interest in the mental health poster and one person attending shared an idea for a potential mental health speaker.
- Phil responded to interested attendees mostly over email correspondence.
- Discussions pursued on the various interests that people expressed for the SJC.
- Sheba suggested next year we should have a poster that describes what SJC is all about, and a little more space.
- It was also noted that there appeared to be some confusion distinguishing between the roles of SJC, REM, and RLC.

## **Ongoing Activity**

### ***Lunch with St Peter Claver (after 11:00 mass this Sunday)***

Discussed the following plans for a fellowship lunch with the St. Peter Claver parishioners:

- Sheba has been in contact with parishioners from St. Peter Claver (expecting 13 visitors).
- Planning to use the St Monica Room for the Lunch.
- People will be meeting up before Mass at door#1 around 10:45.
- Discussed additional details:
  - Setting up St Monica Room.
  - Using Creative Catering to provide a soup and salad meal.
  - Beverage options.

### ***Scholarship Fund (see Sheba's handout)***

Sheba gave an update on the scholarship fund.

- After holding a meeting with Father James and others, Sheba drafted an outline of the criteria for the scholarship. (presented in a handout during the meeting)
- SJC reviewed the details in the criteria Sheba presented.
- It was also noted that Cristian wants SJC to present the North Star Promise opportunities to the Latino Community. (It sounds like the Latino Community is open to meeting up any Sunday to discuss and educate on the process of applying for scholarships)

## ***Racial Equity Speaker***

Discussed ongoing activity on the Racial Equity Speaker Event planned at Shoreview Community Center.

- The event was announced at the Rotary club.
- Talked about inviting people from St. Peter Claver.
- Beth posted the event on the Shoreview Community Face Book Group.
- There is a dress rehearsal planned for tomorrow.

## **Closing Prayer**