

St. Odilia Social Justice Ministry Area Council

Minutes 2-20-2024

Name	Attending? Y/N	Name	Attending? Y/N
Beth Aune	Y	Phil Aune - Chair	Y
Sheba Fernandez	N	Annetta Sutton	Y
Lynn Belgea	Y	Bernie Wiwel - Recorder	Y
Steve Kahat	Y	Attending PLC Rep – Rick Storms	
Barb Woodruff	Y	Other Guests -	

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

Opening Prayer

Minutes

Accepted with some minor edits by Phil. (Phil's red-line was not showing edits, need to verify file he sent over)

Update on Recycling Project

- Rick had issues with scheduling the recycling project that would need to be worked out.
- Having Re-powered run the collection would require us to pay for the staffing. Better, more economical option, would be to manage our own collection.
- For better scheduling of an event, it was decided this could become a second quarter event (first quarter could be just the Styrofoam replacement).
- Reviewed current state of proposal.
- See discussions with Rick further below.

Care For Creation

- Arch Bishop is calling for all Parishes to have Care for Creation program.

Scholarship

- Lynn mentioned that, due to FAFSA delays, some time-frames need be moved out a little to adjust for processing at the educational institutions.

Steve Gave Update on Speakers

- Discussed a talk given by Yusuf Mgeni at St Peter Claver.
- Discussed future talks that Dr Stewart plans to give.
- Talked about an upcoming presentation at the History Center with Dr Donald Yacovone (Sat. March 9)
- There are additional plans for another talk in St Paul about 'Teaching and Racism'

Richard has compiled a full list of other meetings and speakers in the city.

REM Updates

Discussed the wording 'anti-racism' vs 'counter-racism' or 'non-racist' or 'eliminating racism'. REM is in the process of discussing this terminology further.

Update from Art on the Inside

- Beth was able to talk with her contact to discuss our involvement with Art from the Inside.
- Her contact discussed with their executive board and is getting back to Beth to help identify a path we can take on them.

Update on Styrofoam

- Steve called and talked to eight Catholic Churches in the area, and all have replaced Styrofoam with paper.
- We are the only church still using Styrofoam.
- We will be testing the new non-Styrofoam cups at a Coffee and Donuts event on April 21.
- Looking for volunteers for the April 21 coffee and donuts event.
- Steve provided handout with further details.
- Steve is setting up another meeting with Blaine for further planning.

Some Additional Ideas Discussed

- Rick mentioned the use of QR codes along with the promotional information on why to stop using Styrofoam.
- Anetta also suggested holding similar informational event for Sarah's Table (he funeral group).

Discussions with Rick

Rick joined the tail end of the meeting to discuss several topics.

Talking on Funding

- Rick discussed funding (29K Bequest plus green envelope).
- Noted that green envelope fund has a running total that rolls over.
- There was some confusion on endowment fund for Speakers and Courses and Rick is to discuss further for clarification with the new finance person. (Archdiocese's policy is to spend in in a fiscal year.)

Recycling with Electronics (Re-powered)

- Some better coordination on the specifics and timing of this event needs to be worked out with the staff.
- Also needs to be set up with Catholic Mutual (insurance company) for purpose of covering incidents of fire hazards and such.

Next Meeting

SJC next meeting is planned for Tuesday March 19 at 5:30.