

# St. Odilia Social Justice Ministry Area Council

## *Minutes 3-19-2024*

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 –	
Barb Woodruff	Y	Other Guests -	

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

## Opening Prayer

## Minutes

Minutes with Phil's edits are approved.

## Update from Annetta

- Discussed setting up fliers for 'Just Faith course' healing at Coffee and Donuts events.

## REM

- Speaker event with Dr Stewart is delayed due to his wife's health issues.
- Several people attended talks by Donald Yacovone about his book, "Teaching White Supremacy", and reported on their experiences.

## Scholarship

Sheba and Lynn gave an update of the scholarship fund.

- They worked with Amy to set up a sign-up form for the web site.
- Info is being placed in the April 14th Bulletin and the application form will be available on

the web site about the same time. Application deadline is May 10

## **Styrofoam Elimination Project**

- The Council unanimously selected a new non-Styrofoam cup from about 8 choices considered. The new cup will be used exclusively at Coffee and Donuts on April 21st.
- For Coffee and Donuts, we discussed designing and producing table tents and fliers describing environmental and health issues of Styrofoam. Steve will lead this effort.
- There was also discussion around Steves idea to use new plants to demonstrate how destructive Styrofoam can be in the home garden.

## **Electronics Recycling Project**

- Barb and Phil to meet with Rick tomorrow to discuss.

## **Articles**

- Barb has article for the Electronics Recycling project.
- REM will have information regarding a planned Faith and Racial Healing program offering starting in April.
- Looking for articles for Earth Day and potentially an article on the Styrofoam issue.

## **Indigenous Peoples Update**

- Funds from the larger Endowment Grant will be used to purchase books, as well as enrolment fees for a planned Just Faith program on Indigenous People's, planned for the Fall of 2024.
- Promotion of the event is also being planned.

## **Funding**

- The Council voted unanimously to reserve funds from the large bequest to fund future "A Just Scholarship" grants.
- Endowment Fund Request: Phil asked for ideas for upcoming Endowment Grant requests.

## **May Meeting**

Discussed possibility of not meeting in May. (Due to Phil and Beth possibly being away at that time)