

The Church of St Mary
Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Committee
Meeting Minutes: 4-13-22
Submitted by Ruth Grundman

Committee Members Present: Mary Jane Reif, Polly Stephens, Sr Rita VonHoltum, Rita Winters, LeeAnn Sticha(via phone), Ruth Grundman

Opening Prayer: Rita Winters

Parish Council Report: Rita Winters

- *Election for new parish council members will be held May 8.
- *Rita's term will end in July.
- *It was asked if council updates could be put in the bulletin. Rita will look into it.

Hope Haven:

- *Turn any bills from the thank you supper into Todd to be reimbursed
- *Hope Haven is having evaluation meeting at United Way on April 28. Rita W, Rita V and Ruth will attend.
- *There was very positive feed back from the volunteers that attended the thank you supper. It was decided to ask 3 volunteers to write up a ministry moment to be put in the bulletin. Rita W and Mary Jane will contact these people. They should have their proofs emailed to Rita V by April 25. She will submit them for the bulletin. If Hope Haven is held again next year, the committee will ask volunteers to give a ministry moment at the masses at that time.

Budget: It was decided to keep our 2022-2023 budget the same. Rita V will let Todd know this.

Sunday Coffee & Rolls: JPIC will be serving on May 22. We will assign shifts at May meeting.

Guatemala Mission Update: LeeAnn

*LeeAnn continues to get information from them and St Marys continues promotion of the mission. The mission serves 25,000 people. They build houses, schools and a hospital. The mission has a staff of 100.

*St Marys gives no financial aid, but educates our parish and it's for them to donate on their own.

*It was discussed that in the future JPIC should put more time and thought into the mission to promote it to the parish.

Legislative Action:

*We are still in search of someone to work in this area for JPIC. Mary Jane will talk to Ken for any suggestions.

Membership:

- *Rita W will contact one parish member who has expressed an interest.
- *Ruth will talk with two members from Osakis parish.
- *LeeAnn will no longer chair JPIC, but will continue to be a member.

Environmental Issues:

*This was another topic that the survey indicated was important to our parish.

*Rita V talked about Earth Rise Farm by Madison, MN. It is run by two nuns. They give tours and will come speak to small groups about environment issues and how they operate their farm.

*It was decided that JPIC would take a tour and perhaps have them come speak at St Marys in the future. Rita V will contact them. We thought May 12 would be the best date for us.

Next JPIC Meeting: Wednesday May 11 at 10:00

Closing Prayer: Polly