

The Church of St Mary
Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Committee
Meeting Minutes: 10-11-23
Submitted by Ruth Grundman

Committee Members Present: Sr Rita VonHoltum, LeeAnn Sticha, Polly Stephens, Anna Solheid, Ruth Grundman

Opening Prayer: Rita

Sanctity of Life: Julie emailed her report

*Julie attended the MN Pro-Life Summit in Eden Prairie Sept 27

*SOLG moving towards an event model with a goal of hosting 3 events this year.

Will continue prayer in the chapel and some kind of observance in January. Had an unmanned table at the Ministry Fair.

*They want to bring back their informational posters for the bathroom stalls.

Parish Council: LeeAnn

*We have not been assigned a liaison from the parish council. We had several suggestions. 1) Parish council use JPIC minutes as our report to them. 2) If parish council has a question for JPIC they should contact one of us. 3) If JPIC periodically has a topic to present to the parish council, such as Hope Haven for an example, then someone from JPIC will attend the parish council meeting. LeeAnn will talk to Todd about these ideas.

Parish Stewardship Ministry Day: Sept 24

*Attendance for this event seemed to be down from past years, although we did have quite a few people stop at JPIC display after the 8am mass. There are several people interested in JPIC. LeeAnn, Anna, Polly and Rita will be contacting them.

Fair Trade Cart: LeeAnn

*Suzanne Sudmeier and Mary Justin are in charge of the cart.

*According to end of year report from Todd, there was \$1443.75 cash in and \$1574.54 cash out. Feel this is good and parish will continue to support this by using more of the product this coming year for coffee and rolls, etc.

Guatemala Mission Trip 2024: LeeAnn

*Three people expressed interest at the ministry fair.

*There will be an informational meeting in Nov or Dec in the school library.

*The KCs expressed an interest. LeeAnn will give talk at their Oct 6 meeting.

Presentation: "Connecting in New Ways: A Church Committed to Living the Gospel in Light of The Everchanging Conditions of The World" Speaker-Bernie Evans

*Tuesday, October 17 6:30-8:00pm JPIC members be there at 5-5:30 to set up.

*Agenda for the evening was finalized.

Nature Trail Initiative: Rita

*A long range project is being worked on to build a 13-14 mile trail in Alexandria. Rita will talk to Stewardship committee to endorse it.

Global Fair Trade Event: Rita

*We decided to hold this event Nov 19. Rita will confirm with Shelby, the woman who runs the event. (Found out later that Shelby is booked Nov 19. We are considering Nov 26)

*Talked about non violent toys for Christmas gifts. Will put an idea list of toy suggestions in email blast.

Closing Prayer: Anna

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 8 at 10:00