

Holy Spirit Parish Christian Service Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

6:30 -7:30 pm on Zoom

CSC Mission: Share God's love through action, education, and community building.

GOALS

1. Encourage all parishioners to strive for peace, justice and equality.
2. Provide opportunities for parishioners to share their God-given gifts with individuals coping with difficult situations.
3. Educate parishioners about Catholic social justice.
4. Build community partnerships to better serve others and promote the Kingdom of God.

Due to the Corona Virus we met virtually via Zoom

Present on video: Taffy Cochran, Lori Durocher, Pat Hilgendorf, Dave Stukey, and Cindy Eultgen
Justin Bishop was present via phone

We opened by reciting the Lord's Prayer

Old Business:

Cindy reported on the pick-up and **distribution of toiletries**. Most of the donations came from before the public Masses were suspended due to the Coronavirus. They were given to Mercy Home due to St. Ann's Soup Kitchen and Emilie Center being shut down.

Program Study/Suggestions. We continued this conversation from last meeting. Regarding recycling, we want to be good stewards of the earth and we don't want to be a 'middle person' if we can use our resources somewhere else. Resources are people, human labor, gas, etc. We talked further about the pros and cons also realizing that this is an on-going conversation and we need to keep it at the forefront.
PRO: the convenience of the station we have on our property for those who live far and bring recycling with them on the weekends for Mass

CON: the economic reality for recycling is not practical in Montana. Even the businesses that take the product are struggling.

It was mentioned that:

- Malmstrom Air Force Base has a recycling program
- We could talk with other businesses
- Maybe we should conduct a survey
- Maybe we should try to work with other community groups or the City of Great Falls and/or Waste Management Systems

New Business:

Everyone had an opportunity to look over the budget prior to the meeting. Cindy explained the details and answered questions so that all could get acquainted with the budget. Most wanted to know if there was enough to accomplish the work and mission of the CSC. In the past and currently there has been enough.

We talked about the Social Justice income and possibilities with it. This conversation can be continued.

There were three questions that were asked that Cindy responded to generally, but will get back to us more specifically at next meeting.

1. What is the difference between the two accounts # 2083 and #2084 on the Balance Sheet (both have to do with the Fellowship Dinner),
2. Members were interested in the total funds received and distribution of Parish Relief Funds (breakdown can easily be printed), and
3. There are three accounts that are broken down on the Budget that are not distinguished on the Profit & Loss (these are from larger accounts that all staff use and this is the 'CSC' portion).

Cindy reported that we need to get the Community Garden started and Chris Christians will be at the garden after all Masses and Cindy will bring them to the garden for a tour and discussion.

Next month we need to do some brainstorming for potential people to invite to serve on the CSC for the next 2 years, beginning in the fall.

Together we recited the Prayer for Solidarity in closing

Next Meeting:**May 19, 2020**

1. Community Garden
2. New Members for next year

PRAYER FOR SOLIDARITY

Almighty and ever-living God,
empower your one human family to join hands
on our journey of faith.
Send us your spirit of hope,
so that we may work
to alleviate human suffering
and foster charity and justice
in our world.
Amen.