

Meeting of the Social Justice/Multicultural Committee

Thursday, February 22, 2007 3 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe – corrected copy 03/10/07

Present: Sister Barbara, Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission, Gretchen Forrester, Holy Cross Parish, Barbara Susan, Holy Cross Parish, Hank and Sarah Rutkowski, St. Edward, Mercedes Fox, Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission

Not Present: Mary Suarez, Sharon Bender (Mercedes arrived 3:50)

Handouts:

Agenda

Minutes from the 01/22/07 meeting

Litany for World Peace

Where do you fit in?

I Opening Prayer

Sister Barbara opened the meeting with Litany for World Peace 3:04 pm

II. Approval of Agenda

No additions to the agenda.

III Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes by Gretchen; seconded by Sister Barbara. Approved.

IV Reports

A. Vicariate Meeting – to be given by Sharon when she comes

B. Cover the Uninsured – Barbara

Barbara gave update on activities of the Social Justice Committee of Our Lady on the River Parish (Holy Cross, St. Catherine and St. Mark) –

She stressed that all of this is still in the PLANNING stage. Options include:

1. Town Hall meeting
2. Letter writing campaign
3. Some activities to include children, starting with Holy Cross School, but trying to include other schools in the area (Marine City; East China)
4. Sarah will make a presentation at the next Vicariate meeting on March 14, asking the Vicariate to sponsor events; Barbara will gather info to give to members, meeting with Sarah before the 14th.
5. **Fundraising** for the People's Clinic. She will contact Linda LaLonde, head of the clinic, to find out their needs. Children can donate objects (like band-aids, towels) ; parents can donate money

C. A Season for Nonviolence

Barbara re-distributed handout

D. Darfur

Discussion – CRS (Christian Relief Services) has reopened their office in the Sudan. Can we ask for a special donation to CRS in the Sudan? Barbara will write summary info with action recommendations to hand out at next Vicariate meeting, April 18

E. Immigration and Border Security

Gretchen will review and bring background into to our next meeting; discussion – this topic will be pursued in the fall.

F. Christmas Alternative Giving Market

Holiday Expo at Holy Cross – tables cost \$10 each; suggested getting two tables, one for Peruvian items, and one for information about Alternative Gifts. Mercedes and Sister will work the market (Peruvian items). Barbara will follow-up on renting the tables and getting information for the Alternative Gifts table.*

G. Other

No others topics discussed.

V Announcements

A. MOSES

Sister Barbara presented information; meeting in Port Huron with Fr. Gagnon. Sister shared a letter inviting us to participate in the next meeting March 16, 6 pm St. Mary's. No one volunteered

B. People of the World –

Sister handed out “People of the World – Where do you fit in?” She is bringing to March 14 Vicariate meeting; she asked if we would give to our bulletin editors to include in the bulletin

C. Other –

1. Christian Service meeting March 20, 10 am St. Christopher's
2. Sister discussed the fact that most of our member churches don't have Social Justice committees (Barbara said that she believes St. Mary's St. Clair has an active group); Sister is recommending that we include Social Justice concerns within the Christian Service group, especially since most churches have Christian Service Coordinators. To that end Sister asked if anyone would be able to go to these meetings; Barbara will try to go
3. Barbara asked about the “Multicultural” part of this committee. “Hispanic Pastoral Plan” is a guide to people who work with Hispanic people in Detroit. Sister and Mercedes worked on the development of this plan. Sister will bring to our next meeting.
4. Gretchen shared more newspaper articles which she will bring to the next meeting.

VI. Adjournment

Next meeting set for March 15, 3 pm (third Thursday of month) 3 pm

Change meeting date to **Thursday March 22**, since Barbara cannot attend 03/15 meeting.

Meeting adjourned 4:13 pm
Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Susan
Recording Secretary

*Holiday Expo – November 11