

Meeting of the Social Justice/Multicultural Committee
Thursday, January 25, 2007
5:15 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe

Present: Sister Barbara, Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission, Gretchen Forrester, Holy Cross Parish, Barbara Susan, Holy Cross Parish, Sharon Bender (bendersharon@yahoo.com), St Josephs

Not Present: Mary Suarez, Hank and Sarah Rutkowski, St. Edward, Mercedes Fox, Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission

I. Opening prayer
Meeting began 5:15

II. Approval of Minutes

In the absence of agenda, we began with a review of the minutes and an overview of the committee for new member, Sharon Bender

Reviewed and set meeting dates (3 pm): (Next Vicariate meeting: March 14)
February 15 3 pm ; March 15 ; April 19 ; May 17

Discussed agenda for the February meeting

--Agreed to focus on Alternative Giving Market plans - giving gifts that will help others:

1. buying gifts that are produced by people who are in need
2. buying gifts that will help a needy group, e.g. Heifer Project
3. giving a donation to a group in honor of someone

--Points:

1. we want to have an Alternative Giving Market
2. we will contact institutions that do the three things identified above
3. Sister asked Sharon to go to the Vicariate meeting and ask if their social justice committee would be interested in having an Alternative Giving Market in your area

This committee would research and provide resources. Our Lady of Guadalupe will have a market. Sister is asking for a budget for this project. We will review when to have the markets.

Barbara requested that we review and approve the minutes from the last meeting.
Sharon moved to approve the minutes; Gretchen second. So moved.

III. Reports

A. Sharon was asked to report on the last two Vicariate meetings, November and January.

1. November meeting:
large group split into three subgroups:
 - a. Social Justice/Multiculturalism
 - b. Youth & Young Adults
 - c. Christian Stewardship

Laurie(?) gave Sharon the Hispanic Pastoral Plan that needs to be integrated into the Social Justice/Multiculturalism work plan.

Sharon reviewed info from the Youth & Young Adults Committee (entered into the minutes and attached as pdf)

2. CoverTheUninsured

www.covertheuninsured.org

Agreed that we should write an article for all parishes.

3. A Season for Nonviolence

--handouts distributed and entered into minutes

"...a national 64-day educational, media, and grassroots campaign," starting January 30.

www.unitybluewater.com/snv

Information presented by Angela Rochon, Sandra McNeeley and Jeremy Burke from St. Catherine's Algonac (?). Angela that this be taken back to the parishes to sign the "Statement of Participation of Honorary Support"

Most agreed (exceptions - Fr. David, the vicar, who wanted more information, and ?)

[note: Sister Barbara left at 6:00 for another meeting (prior committment)]

Continued discussion of "A Season for Nonviolence"

--creation of vicariate subcommittee:

Angela Rochon - St. Catherine, Algonac

Mary Shoudy (?) - St Marys Port Huron

Sharon Bender

Hank and Sarah Rutkowski's

Mary Suarez

Mercedes Fox

4. Mary discussed MOSES

asked parishes to join;

trying to set up local MOSES group

meeting January 18 at St Marys with Fr Joe Gaugnon, Fr. Brian Cokonougher

5. Timeline - Blue Water Vicariate Together In Faith Plan Detail for the Social Justice/Multiculturalism Committee (see Young Adult Ministry form)

Sharon noted that we need to complete this form:

2006/2007 Alternative Gift Giving Program

2007/2008 CoverTheUninsured Week - April 23-29,2007

2008/2009 A Season of Non Violence - more active participastion

include ACTION and IMPLEMENTATON when discussing goals and plans

B. Review of stated goals of this committee

1. Local - Michigan voting

2. National - Cover the Uninsured

3. International -

a. Darfur - Barbara will bring more info to the next meeting

ACTION: awareness campaign on what we can do to help to end the genocide in Darfur Sudan

b. Immigration - Mary, Mercedes, Sharon

Immigration and Border Security

GATE Community - The Global Awareness Through Experience - Gretchen

her brother is missionary priest in Mexico - Gretchen will research from Mexican pov; possibility of getting Sister Marie DesJarlais from GATE Community to come to discuss immigration issue from Mexican perspective.

Sharon added that Sister Marie DesJarlais would be an excellent Town Hall meeting speaker

ACTION: sponsor speaker on immigration

TIMELINE REVIEW (Action/Implementation notes)

2007 Plan Gift Giving Program

2007 CoverTheUninsured Week - April 23-29, 2007

2007/008 During Season of Non Violence

meeting adjourned 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Susan
Recording Secretary