

Social Action Commission

June 27, 2017

Present – Ed Alten, Sue Clement, Don Harrison, , Marianne Hoekzema, Joan Krueger, Larry Kues, Mary Beth Meyer, Jim Rudol, Chris Schell

Opening Prayer – Larry Kues led us in an opening prayer for guidance.

Parish Vision Team – Jim Rudol reported on the new long range planning team which will start meeting in October. The requirement arose from the Finance Council, but it is not a capital campaign. There are 3 meetings this year – October 2, November 6, and December 4 - all on Mondays from 6pm – 10pm. Sister Ellen Doyle will be the facilitator. They are asking for a member from each commission to participate. Larry Kues asked if these planning committees have been successful in the past. Don asked if this will be a decision making committee – producing actions.

Bid N’ Buy basket – It was suggested that someone ask Lisa how our donation did. Sue will email her. Marianne has collected from everyone except Don.

Inter-Faith Hospitality Network – The IHN committee has not heard back on the proposal yet. Marianne and her husband Joe have come up with back up rooms to use for families if needed. They also has selected the best choice of rooms to combine. Some of the volunteer positions are not filling up quickly. Marianne will send out reminders and links to the job descriptions.

Magnified Giving – It was reported that there was a nice article in the June Newsletter about the St. Columban alumni who have participated in Magnified Giving and also mentioning our donation.

Habitat for Humanity – Mary Beth reported that the July 22 date has been canceled because they are ahead in the build. The property for next year has already been obtained. It is on the corner of Rich Road and Davis in Loveland.

Backpack ministry – Mary Beth reported we will have many more backpacks to fill that we originally thought. The LIFE Food Pantry will supply empty backpacks to have filled. Marianne will get the name of the Girl Scout leader to help fill other backpacks. Mary Beth will contact F.I.S.H. also.

MLK Jr. Day – Ed reported that his Neighbor to Neighbor group is interested in participating. We just need someone from St. Columban to be on the planning committee. Steve’s name came up since he had shown interest in outreach to our black community.

New Business – Sue reported that the Offering of Letters was not as well attended as it has been. She will discuss the idea of changing the weekend dates with the Living Peace and Justice team. Mary Beth said that there were leftover hotdogs and buns from the festival and asked if anyone knew of an organization that could use them.

Closing Prayer – Larry Kues led us in a closing prayer of thanks.

We decided to not meet in July since it is also the week that we are hosting IHN. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday August 22.

