

Social Action Commission

April 24, 2018

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

Opening Prayer – Ed led us in a CRS prayer – Tears of Solidarity.

Habitat for Humanity– Mary Beth reported that St. Columban is responsible for lunch on May 5th and May 19th. Marianne will check to see if Gabby can make calls to get lunch organized for the 19th. If necessary, Sue and Marianne can deliver. Mary Beth thinks that F.I.S.H will provide the May 5th lunch. We will be building on July 7th.

Backpacks – Mary Beth reported that Ann Malachi has volunteered to head up the backpack project again this year. The collection will begin in July. They are working to make the lists more uniform.

NEST – Mary Beth reported that St. Columban will be responsible for the first three weeks of July. She later emailed that we are only responsible for the week of July 16th, two adults per day, Monday through Thursday.

Prayer Warrior – Mary Beth reported that St. Columban will participate in an event called Prayer Warrior. It takes place from Memorial Day through July 4th. It supports Gold Star families who will participate in a weekend in mid-July in Middletown, Ohio. There will be a “giving tree” where parishioners can select items from the tree to donate for care packages for the weekend.

Budget – Mary Beth reported that we currently have about \$2000 in our budget. We have not determined what to donate to Spark Life Coaching at Northstar Community Church. At our May meeting we will present a grant request and vote.

IHN – Chris and Marianne reported that the IHN week (April 15th – 21st) was very successful. It was a small group, but very loving mothers. The biggest concern is that when we do host a small group, there is not enough for the volunteers to do. But we do not know how many there will be and we can always get another family midweek. We are hosting again July 15th – 21st. We have some money donated that we have in the budget, but earmarked and any expenses that may arise.

Laudato si – Chris reported that St. Columban was able to get enough surveys completed. Also the youth group presented a play on climate change and participated in a cleanup of the grounds. We will be presented with a banner on June 18th at Good Shepherd at 7pm.

Discernment – Sue reported that the first session of discernment was on April 17th and the final session is on Saturday April 28th. She will report back as to the results.

Magnified Giving – Marianne was able to attend the Magnified Giving presentations from the St, Columban students in Elizabeth Richardson’s class. There were four presentations. The vote determined that \$1000 will go to the IHN headquarters and \$500 will go toward the activity center at Children’s Hospital. Mrs. Richardson is writing an article for the newsletter.

New Business – Ed passed out information on the Ohio Catholic Bishops statement on Issue 1, which will be on the ballot May 8th. We also signed up for facilitating and prayer for the next 6 months. That is a separate attachment.

Closing Prayer – We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday May 22nd.