

SOCIAL JUSTICE Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2024 7:00 PM RNC and Hybrid

Meeting opened with Prayer

Discussion on joint meetings and future planning for both parishes

Social Justice Retreat

Retreat will be half day location to be determined

Open to all who are interested in parishes

Theme will be "Exploring Social Justice in the Body of Christ in Today's World".

The meeting time going forward will be 6:00 PM. Next Meeting Aug 6 at BSP 6:00 PM

In order to keep the meeting time short, agenda items must be included on the agenda prior to the meeting.

Establish a general Social Justice email account - Jenn S. FAQ.

JUNE & JULY ACTIVITIES:

Juneteenth anti-racism action- little free library booth at Juneteenth June 22. Authorize expending Funds for support and Books total \$200. Sign ups at both Parish locations for booth. Deacon will bring the sign ups to RNC after Mass.

Ministry of Care – no report additional discussion between each parish as they both provide services - RNC is still looking for a volunteer coordinator. **August Agenda item**

Food Drive – Chris, Deacon Allen -- Date: June 15 & 16 - Help is needed. Call Chris H at 608-792-9910.

Back to school – Catholic Charities has sent information and follow-up will be reported with additional information. Deacon Allen

ONGOING ACTIVITIES:

Social Justice Fundraiser at Art Fair on the Green - Viterbo, Saturday, July 27 -Wanda will put announcement in June bulletins asking people to pick strawberries, clean and freeze them for the sale, volunteer sign-up will begin in early July. A clipboard with times for volunteering will be at RNC only.

Jail Ministry – Circles of Support – No report - **August Agenda item**

SJ Finance disbursement report – No report - August Agenda item

SJ meetings with sign-in information will get published in the Online Bulletin SJ News will appear under the heading *Service to the Community*. Adele said that links for sign-ups can be added to this section.

Warming Center Summer Operations sign-up link sent out. See additional information that was published in the online bulletin under *Service to the Community* starting Saturday, June 8th.

UPDATES:

Bread for the World Offering of Letters – 133 post cards used

Anti violence: Human Trafficking – Blessed Sacrament's plant sale fundraiser for Hosea's Heart – Sales slower this year with competition from other community and parish events.

Winter Warming Center - Closed for the Season. Thank you to all the volunteers and to Tony Weisse for all his work!

May Mental Health Awareness Month – Julie - Information is posted on Main Street kiosk at RNC information posted at BSP and removed.

BSP to be named on our Juneteenth posters. Who is making posters for our booth at this Juneteenth event?

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION

Next meeting additional information on funding gift bags (or putting items together) for the unhoused built around St Nicks Day and one other special day.

August Agenda item - National Suicide Prevention Month is September - put information on the kiosks at church?

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 6:00 PM at BSP (**NEW TIME & PLACE**)

Prayer