

AMOS Core Team Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2004

Attending: Carren Herring, Jackie Smith, Bruce Yeazell, Barry Burdick, and Stephanie Beck Borden

Next meeting: December 1, 2004. 7:00 p.m.

Agenda: AMOS board meeting update, discussion of immigration and next steps, reports on task forces

AMOS Board Meeting

- There was great election protection volunteer turnout although there seems to have been a communication gap in getting the word out about the need and the training times because several of us received what was clearly a strongly worded second request for people without having seen the original post on it.
- Concern was voiced about the lower-than-expected turnout at the Public Meeting, as well as the number of letter read instead of live representatives.
- Beginning to think about the banquet in March (3/19).
 - We will need to brainstorm strategies for pushing ticket sales to the banquet as well as ads for the book.
 - Bruce Yeazell volunteered to make calls about this.
 - The Core Team decided to table further planning until the January meeting, which will be closer to the actual event.

Immigration

- Stephanie distributed a three page synopsis of the US Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB) document called “A Guide to Understanding Catholic Social Teaching on Immigration and the Movement of Peoples.” It outlines the three basic principles of CST on Immigration as well as an overview of the biblical vision of love for strangers. The Office of Migration and Refugee Services at USCCB has an outstanding website with many resources for parish dialogue around immigration, as well as policy analysis, etc.
- Jim Young will be asked to send a CRI update before the next meeting
- We will gauge parishioner interest through the bulletin in early January about this issue.
- A decision will be made at December meeting regarding an educational event for parishioners.

Task Force Reports

- Regional Equity – The Uptown study is moving along. In the next couple of months, the first public meeting will be held. The task force working to find out how transportation hubs are financed and built, but know it will take about a year to prove the need. Short term, they will start working with Frisch’s and Cintas to get shuttle service from the city to outer locations. Also planning to meet with Congressman Rob Portman for a one on one because although his letter to the Public Meeting sounded supportive on the surface, there is some question of whether it is concrete. More long-term, the group is investigating getting someone on the SORTA (Southwestern Ohio Regional Transportation Authority) board, however, this will require being appointed by the

mayor. In the meantime, task force members are attending SORTA meetings to better understand the dynamics.

- Civil Rights for Immigrants – No one serving on that Task Force was present.
- Race Relations Task Force – Stephanie has been unable to attend the last two meetings nor has she received the minutes so couldn't report anything.
- Northern Kentucky – No one attending Core Team meetings serves on that task force.