

Social Mission Core Team Minutes – Bellarmine Chapel
Sept. 24, 2008 – 7:00-8:30pm

Present: Bob Friel, Julie Hagerty, Jeff Campbell, Connie Widmer, Jim Weber, Dave Kammer, Kathy Aerni, Joyce Kahle, Mike Tussey, Herb Smitherman
Prayer: Bob Friel

1) SMCT new member welcome & introductions

- WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS: Julie Hagerty, Herbert Smitherman, Mike Tussey!
- Julie and Mike and Herb introduced themselves and spoke of their interests in social mission and of interesting aspects of their lives

2) Outreach Collections/Grants

- Habitat should be an annual outreach collection.
- October Outreach: SVDP
- November: Thanksgiving Food
- December: Giving Tree
- January: CISE
- September Crispaz Outreach amounted to approximately \$1564.12)

Discussion of Grants

- Birthright request from Peggy Jackson: will offer them an outreach collection in Spring of 2009.
- Stephanie Beck Borden request for funds for Alliance for the Common Good: Recommended a \$300.00 grant'
- Tuba City request from Brian Volck: Suggested to invite Brian to our next meeting to give more information about goals and ideas surrounding this collaboration before making a funding decision

3) Alternative Gift Fair update

- Jeff reported that a good planning team has come together of 5-6 members
- Parish Nurse Association would like to be included as a vendor
- planning group mtg will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 30 at the Gallagher Center

4) Immigration:

- Jeff reported a small number of parishioners attended. Discussion was related to Church principles related to immigration but not specific to immigration issues in US or to the platforms in the upcoming elections. The event could have a positive impact in the diocese and be an incentive for more action in parishes.
- Catholic Social Action Parish Collaborative has immigration as one of its target issues and could have some informational materials for our use.
- Suggestion to consider a "parish response team" to deal with immigration assistance requests

5) Leadership Retreat SMCT Discussion/Planning

- Will be held on Friday/Saturday September 26/27
- Most members, including new members will be attending.

Information-only items:

6) AMOS Update & Public Mtg.

- Mike Tussey reported that voter canvassing was successful in meeting and encouraging voting in the neighbors canvassed (Walnut Hills area)
- Mike added that AMOS leadership seems to be improving and meetings more focused.
- AMOS Public meeting will be a candidates forum on Oct. 27 at a site to be determined.

7) Oct. Environment/Climate Change Team update

- This team will be meeting on October 22 and may be preparing a survey for the parish on these issues.

8) Elections & “Faithful Citizenship” 10 min.

- Some discussion of continuing election events and handouts was held.
- Possibly use Cath. Social Action office “Faithful Citizenship” ‘placemats’ as take-home idea for parishioners and/or families (Jeff will discuss w/ Richard if/when best to use)
- AMOS & Cath. Social Action Office (and other partners) have promoted Sojourners’ “Vote Out Poverty Sunday” for Oct. 12; better possibility could be to use AMOS’ healthcare petitions to promote AMOS involvement at Bellarmine along with public mtg.

9) Other?...

- Next Meeting: Wednesday, Oct. 29 at 4165 Pillars Drive, home of Kathy Aerni
- November and December meeting will be combined into a meeting on Wed., Dec. 3 at 4165 Pillars Drive, home of Kathy Aerni, 871-7803