

## FaithJustice Meeting Minutes for Wednesday September 10, 2014

**Present:** Father McNea, Father Jose, Sister Ruth Snyder, Sister Patricia Fritz, and Carol Fishbune

FaithJustice prayer was read  
Gospel Reading and reflections  
Minutes from August 20, 2014 had been approved via email

### Old Business:

1. Sister Patricia reported on her inquiries on the cost of the book "Joy of the Gospel" in English and in Spanish. Her findings found that the best prices could be found at the Gift of Faith Shop through the Daughters of St. Paul publishing. The committee agreed to go with the price of \$11.00 for the English edition and \$9.00 for the Spanish edition with the option of \$5.00 if needed. The extra \$4.00 would be covered by an anonymous contribution. Since the Gift of Faith Shop would not be able to buy back any unsold copies of the book, it was decided that we must take orders for the books from 9/20 through 9/30. Carol Fishbune will gather the orders received and place the order with Gifts of Faith by October 4<sup>th</sup>. Books will be distributed and payment collected after the books arrive in 10 days to 2 weeks. We will run the payment of the books through the parish so all checks will be payable to St. Francis of Assisi Church.

"The Joy of the Gospel" parish read will take place on the 5 Sundays in November. It was decided that we would not begin with a small group only. This book read will be open to all parishioners. The parishioners will be notified via flyer and bulletin announcement. After Father Jose discussed the time with the Hispanic Community it was decided that the time should be moved to 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm. Father Jose expects about 40 parishioners from the Hispanic Community to attend this book read. Child care will be provided but there will be no food or beverage served. The rooms to be used will be the Saint Francis room, the Saint Clare room, and the Gathering space. We will look for someone to supervise the child care. The supervisor will be Virtus trained. Sister Patricia met with our Parish Administrator and Office Manager to coordinate room needs. Sister Patricia also coordinated the flyer design and bulletin announcements. Sister Patricia asked Sister Ruth to simplify and clarify the questions that will be used for discussion. When the books are delivered, we will ask the parishioners to read the Introduction and First Chapter of the book before November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

2. Carol Fishbune reported that she has submitted a bulletin announcement asking parishioners to increase their donations to the Neighbors in Need fund. The fund has been running about \$1000.00 short of what is needed each month to fulfill the commitments made to Saint Vincent de Paul, Sunday Lunch, and IHN. Carol also submitted a letter to Father McNea, Father Jose, Parish Administrator, Finance Council and Parish Council asking that the FaithJustice Committee be given a budget of \$100.00 per month to cover expenses that the committee incurs for copies and educational materials. Father McNea will bring this letter to both the Parish Council and Finance Council when they meet again in November.

3. Sister Ruth reported on the current needs of the Saint Vincent de Paul conference at St. Francis. First of all the chair of the conference will be leaving so the ministry will be without a chair. Secondly the conference is looking for more ways to raise needed funds. St. Francis of Assisi Church currently gives (when possible) \$1600.00 each month from the Neighbors in Need envelopes. The collection taken at the Thanksgiving Day Mass is also given to St. Vincent de Paul. A fundraising walk for Saint Vincent de Paul was scheduled for Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup>. (It was reported in the September 28<sup>th</sup> Bulletin that the amount raised for all of the Rochester Conferences was \$9,800.)

Sister Ruth also reported that all of the Rochester Conferences are considering having a central intake for the incoming phone calls. This would eliminate duplication of services.

Lastly we discussed whether the name on the Neighbors in Need envelopes was still representative of who they are meant to serve. After some discussion it was decided that the envelopes could still be called Neighbors in Need but there should be a line added after Neighbors in Need to read "Serving St. Vincent de Paul, Sunday Noon Meals, and Interfaith Hospitality Network. Carol Fishbune will discuss this name change with the Parish Administrator to see if the name change can occur before next fall. Carol Fishbune will also resubmit a bulletin announcement asking for donations to the Neighbors in Need fund. Carol will ask that the announcement be placed into the bulletin at least once monthly. And Carol will ask the Finance Director if it is possible to offer parishioners the possibility of having their Neighbors in Need donations automatically taken out of their bank accounts.

### **New Business:**

1. We had a long discussion about the FaithJustice website that is currently being developed by Bob Maegerlein. The group acknowledged that Bob has put a lot of time into developing this website. Bob has done a good job of having his work checked by Sister Ruth, Sister Patricia, and Father McNea so that the best website can be developed. Thank you to all of you who are helping Bob with this endeavor. Sister Patricia said that the website should bring up the legislative issues that affect the quality of people's lives and then the website should connect the issue with what the parish is doing or can do. The website should include the Two Feet of Justice. Sister Patricia will work with Bob so that his wording on the site is not judgmental. It is recommended that Bob give links to the various political parties so that parishioners can look up information on their own. It will be okay for Bob to ask for feedback from parishioners on the website as long as he makes it clear that the responses are from him and are not necessarily representative of our Parish or our committee. It is recommended that the members of the FaithJustice committee review the website periodically to see that it follows our recommendations.

### **Closure:**

Closing Prayer was the *Our Father*.

**Our next date will be Wednesday October 8<sup>th</sup> at Noon**

Minutes submitted by Carol Fishbune on 09/29/14