

## Social Justice Committee Minutes

April 16, 2018

Present: Julie, Dave, John, Bill, Sue, Mary Kay, Mary Libhardt

- **Sock Sunday:** The sock collection was well received and very successful. Listening House was very appreciative. Additional money was received and will be sent to Listening House. They would like us to have a jeans collection. We could leave a blue box at the PCC and parishioners could put new or gently used jeans in the boxes.
- **Habitat update:** The next dedication of 5 new homes will be Saturday, April 28 at 10:00 am. We will not collect supplies for the Welcome Baskets due to the short notice of the date from Habitat. We had many duplicate items from last collection and the McCarthys will donate the rest. Some confirmation students from last year will assemble the baskets.
- We were able to get a Summer Build Week for our parish. It will be the week of June 25-29.
- **TED Talk:** Our committee will host a TED Talk on May 17 from 7-8:30. We decided on "The Little Problem I Had Renting a House" TED Talk. Race, Poverty & Housing- Are they Related? Julie will pick up some snacks and committee members should get to the PCC by 6:15 to set up. We should send ice breaker and discussion questions to Julie. Our focus for discussion will center around struggles to obtaining housing because of race. We would like to have participants share their experiences regarding race. As an icebreaker, we may ask people what they feel are barriers to obtaining housing.
- As for a future project, Sue suggested we see if Bridging would send a truck to our parish parking lot for a few days with specific hours that people could drop of new or gently used furniture and other items that Bridging will take. We could print a list of items they take and don't take as an insert in the bulletin. St. John's did this one week end a number years ago and we collected a whole truckload of items. Sue will call Bridging to find out if they still do this.
- **NEXT MEETING:** Monday, May 21 at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Stoterau