

Social Justice Committee Minutes

October 9, 2017

Present: Julie, Mary Kay, Dave, Jodi, Sue

- **Shelter Update:** The official name of the shelter is St. Andrew's Shelter. A meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 12, for recruitment of volunteers to work on the demolition and rebuilding of the shelter and what tasks volunteers will be involved in and safety issues. Presenters will be from St. Andrews and FLAMF. Volunteers are needed starting Wednesday, October 18. The presenters will talk about the shelter, but most of the agenda will focus on what volunteers need to know and how to recruit additional volunteers. The workdays will be Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 8:30-3:30. There will be a site supervisor, some contractors, and crews of 8 volunteers. The demolition will start October 18. The current goal is to have the shelter ready for occupancy in late spring. The Community Block grant has not yet been approved. St. Andrews has already put in \$30,000. Our committee will get Fortin Hall ready for the October 12 meeting, i.e. move tables, provide hospitality.
- **Habitat Update:** The landscaping went well. There were several plant donations from parishioner's gardens. Next group of 5 houses will be ready by Thanksgiving
- **Ideas for next year:** Several ideas were discussed. Hats, socks, and mitten collection; continuing support for Habitat; monetary donations for the St Andrew's shelter. If we do fundraising for the shelter, it should be for a specific need. Julie will talk with Father Greg about a special collection.
- **Educational ideas:** Sue just read a book called Lazarus at the Table on Catholic Social Teaching. Julie has the book now and it can be passed around our committee members. Another idea was to purchase the books and begin using it as a book club to education other parishioners.
- **Upcoming events:** Jack Jezreel , the founder of Just Faith, is speaking on Tuesday, October 24, on Politics & Spirituality at the Carondelet Center at St. Kate's. You can RSVP online. He is very inspirational.
- **NEXT MEETING:** Monday, November 13, 2017.