

Social Justice Minutes
April 18, 2022

St Andrew's Shelter: Our first two hosting weeks of the year went well. We recruited a few new volunteers and a new overnight host! The pulpit announcements really helped get people talking about the shelter. Many good conversations were had. More dinner hosts are needed. Our next hosting week is May 29th.

Confirmation retreat snack bags: The youth packed over 200 snack bags for Listening house and learned about the needs of day drop in shelters. As a side note to our retreat, we actually had a youth drop in to the PCC that had no place to sleep that Saturday. He was a quiet fixture in the background most of the day. We didn't call attention to him at the time but the experience led to some really good conversation about youth homelessness and struggles with your parents at our next FF class with the 10th graders.

Budget for next year: We had asked only for \$800 this year as we have completed our Habitat commitment. We did not have many opportunities for education events this year with the pandemic but we used our funds about \$700 for the snack bags with the confirmation students. It was agreed that we would ask for the same amount next year and hope to offer some education opportunities.

Thank you: We had a lovely thank you note from the parish council recognizing the work of our ministry to the parish. It was much appreciated.

Next meeting in person! May 16, 7:00pm Fortin Hall