

Social Concerns Meeting Minutes 5/9/2022

Present: Lois Robson, Julie LeCaptain, Barb Heishman, Lorraine Blanck, Zoom attendees: Kristina Koch, Al Testin, Julie Testin, Beth Smith, Jodi Ballard, April Eich

After opening prayer, (Heavenly Father, You know our weakness and failings, and that without Your help we can accomplish nothing for the good of souls, our own and others'. Grant us, therefore, the help of Your grace. Grant it according to our particular needs at this time. Enable us to see the tasks You will set before us, and help us work hard to accomplish the tasks together. Teach us to bear patiently any trials, challenges, or failures that may come along the way. Merciful Lord, you are never weary of speaking to our hearts. Grant us grace that, if today we hear your voice, our hearts remain receptive. Amen.) April minutes were reviewed and approved.

Follow up on April action items:

- Flyer info was put in the April 23/24 bulletin and posted on the website. This supply drive did not go as well as past drives—maybe because no bags or flyers were handed out?
- The Flocknote signup for Mother's Day roses worked great. We handed out 195 roses (needed about 10 more) and collected \$546.50 in donations for Coalition for Life.
- For Father's Day (June 19) the following was suggested: Donuts for Dad, candy bar with custom wrapper or sticker message, popcorn/nuts. A free will donation will be collected again for Coalition for Life.

Other matters:

- June 4&5 is the Bake Sale for His Hands Medical Clinic. We will send a Flocknote signup to those who have volunteered to donate refreshments for baked goods. Volunteers for the sale are Julie and Dave LeCaptain (4pm), Lois (8am), and Jodi and April (10am).
- Barb presented an idea for 'Mercy bags'—a bag of items (granola bars, water bottle, resource list, gift card to food place, etc.) to be kept in your car for those times you see someone asking for money. Should we collect supplies and promote in the parish or place the idea in the bulletin for everyone to do on their own?

Action items:

- Research options for Father's Day (Lois).
- Create Donate Refreshments group in Flocknote (Lorraine).
- Submit Mass announcement by noon Thursday, June 2 for the Bake Sale.
- Send signup for donated items (Julie).
- Bring recommendation on how to proceed with the Mercy bags idea.

Next meeting is Monday, June 13 at 6:15.