

**Saint Pascal Baylon Catholic Church**  
**Social Justice and Caring Committee**  
**Minutes of the Meeting Held on Sunday, October 1, 2017**

Present: Anna DeCrans, Kendall Doom, Christine Malec (minute writer), Margaret Malec and Julianne Wojcik

**We Care Campaign**

Chris reminded the committee members that the next We Care Campaign will be held the weekend of October 28<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The following options were chosen for the campaign:

- **Catholic Charities USA** - the official domestic relief agency of the United States Catholic Church which supports disaster response and recovery efforts - including direct assistance, home repair, home rebuilding, health care services and other programs,
- **International Institute of Minnesota** - an organization that delivers culturally accessible services and resources to assist new Americans as they strive to achieve economic self-sufficiency and full membership in the American life and
- **Women's Advocates** - a shelter located in St. Paul that provides assistance and services to women and children escaping domestic violence (e.g., advocacy, clothing, counseling, crisis hotline, meals, transportation etc.).

Chris stated that she will submit bulletin announcements regarding the collection and that she will put envelopes on the tables by the church entrances for use by those parishioners who do not receive envelopes from the parish (due to the fact that they donate funds electronically) or for those who do not receive the "We Care Campaign" envelope in their packet.

**"Human Trafficking 101" Presentation**

The committee members reported on their plans for the "Human Trafficking 101" presentation taking place at the parish on Thursday, October 19, 2017, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in Brioschi Hall:

**Advertising**

- Chris mentioned that Meg Royer from Women's Advocates had sent her a flyer for the event and, based on feedback from parish Communication Specialist, Thea Munoz, and committee members, she had Meg revise it. (The revisions included changing the background color from dark to white so that less toner would have to be used when printing off many of these when they are inserted into the parish bulletin and adding some text stating that human trafficking is happening on the eastside and people can come to the presentation to find out what can be done about this.)

Chris said that she posted the flyer on the committee's bulletin board outside Brioschi Hall and that it has also been placed on the kiosks located outside the church entrance in the gathering space and by the stairs on the lower level of the church.

Anna, Julianne and Kendall volunteered to post the flyer in nearby community centers and libraries (if permitted). Anna agreed to hang the flyer up at the Arlington Hills Library and the Hazel Park Recreation Center. Julianne stated she would hang the flyer at Battle Creek Recreation Center and the R.H. Stafford Library in Woodbury. Kendall volunteered to post the flyer at Cub Foods, the Dayton's Bluff Library, the Sun Ray Library and the YMCA. The committee members discussed the possibility of posting the flyer at Subway, SuperAmerica and Sun Ray Lanes.

Chris stated that absent committee member, Jane Marie, informed her she had asked the school principal, Laurie Jennrich, if the flyer could be sent home with the school students and that Laurie said she was willing to do this. Chris reported that she e-mailed the flyer to Laurie and asked her to send it home with the students whenever she thought appropriate.

Chris said that she sent the flyer to Thea Munoz and asked if it could be inserted in the bulletin on a weekend prior to the event and Thea agreed to do this.

- Chris mentioned that Bill had submitted announcements in the bulletin regarding the event. Chris stated that Thea Munoz informed her that she would send the announcement to local parishes and ask that it be placed in their bulletins as well.
- Chris reported that she asked parish staff member, Sharon Balcom, who writes the Prayers of the Faithful for each liturgy, if she would include one on the topic of human trafficking the weekend before the event. Chris said Sharon is willing to do this.
- Chris stated that she will submit a pulpit announcement regarding the presentation for the weekend prior to the event.
- Julianne reported that she asked parish staff member, Kim Roering, to post the event on Kim's Facebook account and that she has done this.

## **Treats**

Anna, Christine, Julianne, Kendall and Margaret volunteered to bring treats on the night of the presentation.

Chris said that she will check with the parish office closer to the presentation to determine how many people have signed up for the event so that the committee will have a better idea of how many treats will be needed.

## **Speaker Stipend**

Chris mentioned that she had spoken to Kim Roering about the possibility of having the parish give a stipend to Meg Royer for her presentation and that Kim informed her she thought this could be arranged.

## **Call Time**

The committee members agreed to arrive at 6:30 p.m. on the night of the presentation in order to set-up for the event.

## **Ministry Fair**

Chris informed the committee members that a ministry fair will be held at the parish after each of the masses on the weekend of October 14 - 15, 2017. She stated the committee may be asked to have a representative present at the ministry fair after each of the masses on this weekend. She asked if any of the committee members would be willing to serve in this capacity. Chris and/or Margaret volunteered to be present after the 4:30 p.m. mass on that weekend. Anna said she would be present after the 8:45 a.m. mass and Kendall volunteered to be present after the 10:30 a.m. mass.

Chris stated that she will update the information sheet regarding the committee that was used at past ministry fairs. She said she will bring copies of the revised sheet to the ministry fair.

The committee members discussed having copies of the “Human Trafficking 101” flyer available for distribution at the ministry fair.

## **Immigration: A Catholic Response Event**

Chris reported that the “Immigration: A Catholic Response” presentation held on Tuesday, September 19, 2017, that was given by Dr. Bernie Evans (and co-sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team and the committee) was a successful event. She said that the video of the presentation can be accessed via the Adult Faith Formation webpage on the parish’s website.

## **Eastside Community Meal**

Chris reported that she has not heard anything about whether the committee would be asked to assist with hospitality during the Eastside Community Meal that will be hosted by the parish on Thursday, November 16, 2017.

## **Next Meeting**

Thursday, November 2, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Founders Room at church