

September 7, 2023
Social Justice and Caring Committee
Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Kim Roering, Ann Karner, Julie Ludden, Julie Moore, Chris Malec, Margaret Malec, Mary Huettl, Martha Arko, and Mary Weyandt, and Chris Igielski

Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative-Ann K, and other St Pascal Beacon members attended the Sept 5 Met Council Community Development public hearing. Bill Dorgan, Ann Lemke (speaking for Mary Root) among others addressed council members on why they should adopt and pass a policy that would utilize 30% of Met Council Vouchers as Project Based Vouchers (PBV) for 30% AMI housing areas where poverty is 20% or less—which occurs mostly in the suburbs. A person from HUD spoke on low-income housing needs. The current policy may be extended for 2 years.

Met Council annual plan will be voted upon Monday, September 18- 4:00 pm
Supporters of housing and Beacon Members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Ann K. invited people to the fall Just Faith Series “Just Action” How to Advocate and Mobilize for Justice”. It meets Oct 2 -Dec. 4, 2023, at 6:30-8:30pm via Zoom for 8 weeks, starting Oct 2 with a retreat.

Merrick Food Distribution-

Food often runs out before the last person comes to the pick-up point.
Should St. Pascals consider storing a supply of non-perishables for times of shortage of goods?

Merrick Backpack drive – went well as reported by Mary W. Backpacks taken to distribution site and parish members may have contributed money as well.

Donation closet- September collection is for Listening House. They will soon move to a new location. Ann K. will take items there with help from Julie Ludden if needed.

We Care Campaign:

Donations requested by parish members 1st full weekend of March, 1st full weekend of June, last full weekend of October for special needs organizations or groups.

Suggestions for groups to fund:

--NAIMI MN

--Collect/buy and store supplemental non-perishables foods at St. Pascals for Merrick distribution days when supplies run short, or for emergency food request needs at Parish.

--Contributions for Native American schools or groups (St. Mary's Reservation or St. Joseph's School).

--Options for Women's East

Next Meeting:

October 5, 2023

6:30 pm

October Prayer - Martha Arko

Minutes submitted by Chris Igielski

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