

LOLO Social Justice Minutes April 11, 2024

Present: Patti Sereno, Karen Streich, Emily Kane, Kevin Kane, Terry Falk, John Wolfe, Mary Yank, Sharon Thyne, Mary Bottsford, Steve Szymanski, Pat McKay

Guest: Margaret Kelley

Opening Prayer: "An End to Waste"- led by Emily & Kevin

Final Plans: Jackson Park April 20th Earth Day Event: Steve will lead a prayer and Karen and Patti will order the pizzas. Besides member donations of cookies/bars, we will also provide coffee, juice and water. Steve will unlock the building door for the lunch volunteers. Several members also volunteered for clean-up. Thirty-two registrations so far; process is going smoothly.

Juneteenth Film Event - June 17, 6:15-8:30 pm: Small booklets explaining the history of Juneteenth Day have been ordered at no cost. These will be available for distribution at the event. It was decided to conduct small group discussions after the film followed by a large group summary. Mary B. and Pat will work on composing the questions. The former St. Mary's committee will pay the \$100 fee for the group showing of the film. We will serve popcorn (donated by Sharon) and water - and perhaps juice.

Meeting with Shanedra Johnson (Urban Ministry): Pat reported that Shanedra will be assigned to assist at the All Saints parish cluster for the next several months, so will be unavailable to plan any archdiocesan event at OLOL. Members commented on Susan McNeil's summary of the Synodal listening session at St. Matthias on March 16. They agreed that the report was very thorough and seemed to have captured the consensus of the small group discussions.

All Saints Meal Program: Members want to support the program this summer once again. Sign-up information for parish wide participation will be distributed in May.

Parish Library Donations: Three books on the topic of racism are being considered for purchase. Terry volunteered to do a more in-depth look at the content of the books and report to members.

2024 Presidential Election: SJ would like to participate in planning an event centering on active listening and/or separating facts from fiction. On May 18, 9:30 - 11:00 am, St. Mary's on the Lake will present a training program entitled "Holy Conversations." Pat will forward registration information to SJ members as well as to Jim Wielgosz (DI Institute) and Fr. Chuck Schramm who are interested in helping to plan an event. Patti, Mary B., Mary Y. and Pat will help with planning the SJ portion of any event that is decided upon.

SJ Website: Terry volunteered to join Mary B. and Pat to work on keeping the website current.

Inflation Reduction Act: Steve reported that the Act provides money for energy efficient upgrades to religious and nonprofit groups. He will forward a webinar on this topic to SJ members. After viewing the webinar, members will respond to Steve. If the majority of our SJ members are “on board” with the value of the program, Steve will present the information to Building and Grounds and the Finance Committee on behalf of our committee. This would be an expansion of our support for eco-friendly programs.

Announcements:

- April 29 Rob Shelledy, Who is My Neighbor? St. William’s, 5:00 -7:30 pm
- April 30 Who is Mary? OLOL 6:30-8:00 pm
- May 3 Valimar Jansen Concert honoring the six Black Catholics on the path to sainthood, St. Martin de Porres 7:00 pm

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Next Meeting: May 9, Prayer - Patti; May Open Wide article - Eileen

Closing: Prayer for the Homebound

Adjourned: 7:38 pm

Submitted by Pat McKay