

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRIES

MEETING AGENDA

October 3rd, 2023 7:00PM

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MEETING ITINERARY

Prayer

October & November Activities

October Food Drive	Chris [Oct 21-22]
The World We Live In	Chris
Bread Baking and Sale	Wanda [Nov 11-13]
Alternative Gift Giving	Therese
Giving Tree	Pat C
New Proposal from Rotary Lights	Chris
New Proposal (See Meeting Minutes)	Deanna
Coats for Kids	occurs late Sept to Nov
Thanksgiving Community Meal	approve SJ donation
Coulee Region Hunger Walk	Wanda

Ongoing Activities

Jail Ministry - Circles of Support	Dee
SJ Finance disbursement report	Chris
Winter Warming Center - Preparation Activities	Wanda
Safe Families	Alice & Carol
Place of Grace meal and hospitality	Pat C

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MEETING ITINERARY CONT....

Updates	
SJ Fundraiser: Baked Goods Sale at Great River Folk Fest	Pat, Alice, Chris, Wanda, Deanna
Hosea's Heart	Julie
Habitat for Humanity – Donations & Board Signing	Alice

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MEETING MINUTES

Recorded by: Pat Soell

Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023 at 7:00PM

Via Zoom: meet.google.com/wkw-whbq-ebe

Social Justice Ministries

Roncalli Newman Parish

Lead by: Chris H.

Attendees: Pat Soell, Alice, Chris Holland, Wanda Wochos, Jenn Smith, Deanna Koralesky, Ginny Kreyer, Tim & Kathy Fuss,

Julie Dietz, Tracy Helixon, Cindy Sjolander and BSP - Deacon Allen, Ellen Smith, Chris Thilges, Tony Weisse & Barb Lee

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER FOOD DRIVE (**OCT OBER 21 AND 22**) - CHRIS

Notes:

Involves both parishes, Dick Walter/Koralesky's w/use their trucks, Food will be taken to WAFER on Mon/Oct 23, need four (4)

people to hold donation boxes after the Masses: BSP 4:30 PM - have people, 9:00 AM - Deacon A looking for volunteers

RNP - 11:00 AM Cindy S. The usual recipients.

THE WORLD WE LIVE IN - CHRIS

Notes:

Contact Chris H. if you wish to get involved. Volunteer at a school reading from books in the WWLI library. Chris will send an

informational announcement to Deacon Allen and Adele can post information on RNP's website. Chris will contact Mrs Key at

Cathedral School.

BREAD BAKING AND SALE (**NOVEMBER 11 -> 13**) - CHRIS

Notes:

We will bake bread on Saturday, November 11th and sell after 11:00 AM Mass at RNP. Question - do we wish to sell at BSP

too? Alice agreed to lead the charge as Master Baker. RNP is a Covenant Church of BFTW. Membership dues are \$350. Need

volunteers to bake and sell. Wanda will submit a bulletin announcement as to what BFTW is and who benefits from the money

that is raised. Need Gluten-Free breads and quick breads too.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT GIVING - THERESE

Notes:

Therese R will coordinate this project again. All suggestions & ideas submit to Therese R. In addition to supporting our Casa

Hogar Family any other suggestions as to ways we can give alternative gifts? Later in the Minutes there are a few suggestions

that tie in with other categories.

MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES CONT.

GIVING TREE - PAT C

Notes:

No report from Pat C but she will coordinate again. Pat and her committee will decide who the recipients will be this year. BSP

also does a Giving Tree and the recipient is Catholic Charities.

NEW PROPOSAL FROM ROTARY LIGHTS - CHRIS

Notes:

It is my understanding that this proposal from Rotary Lights will not take place at either RNP or BSP. The proposal was to

have bins/baskets to collect food items from Thanksgiving until end of year. Both parishes are holding a Food Drive on

October 21st/22nd. Plus both parishes will be making monetary donations to the City-Wide Thanksgiving Dinner. Suggestion:

have your kids/grandkids bring food donations when visiting Rotary Lights. This could be an alternative gift-giving idea.

NEW PROPOSAL FROM DEANNA

have a summary in the bulletin at year's end - to briefly identify the Newman SJ fundraisers of the year, give a rough idea of how much was raised, and then list the organizations that received the funds as a reminder of what SJ does all year and a thank you for the generosity of parishioners. Maybe a copy could be on the 'kiosk' at Newman as well.

Notes:

All present at the meeting thought this was a good proposal and one that could be published in January of 2024. Chris H will

lead the subcommittee with Deanna K, Jenn S, Ginny K, and Julie D helping. This subcommittee will report back to SJ with

more information at our December 5th SJ meeting. Ginny K proposed that we survey our parishioners (both RNP & BSP) as to

whether they have questions or comments in regards to the types of fundraisers and who are the recipients. Ginny asked

some very thought-provoking questions: such as "What does social justice mean to you?", "how do you explain social

justice?" and "can we have a dialogue as to what social justice stands for in relationship to who we support?". Under "SJ

Finance Disbursement Report" I will include more remarks that may or may not be related to this proposal.

MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES CONT.

COATS FOR KIDS - OCCURS LATE SEPT TO NOV

Notes:

BSP doesn't do this project. Ginny K will contact Carol K and Tony Stika as to how to proceed with this project. A suggestion was made so that we collect coats (winter gear) for college students (UW-L & WTC). Tracy H offered to help Ginny. Need bulletin announcements, barrels from Chris H's porch, and a person to pick up items and distribute them. Fr. B. Dodge approves. The project will start soon and maybe combined with Jail Ministry (contact is Dee Paque)

THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY MEAL - APPROVE SJ DONATION

Notes:

Approved a \$50 donation. This donation is on the SJ Calendar.

COULEE REGION HUNGER WALK - WANDA

Notes:

Fr. Dodge & Fr. Sam will be walking. Fr. Dodge will ask for donations after the Masses this weekend. Sign-up sheets are at both parishes. If one writes a check, make it to "Coulee Region Hunger Walk".

Approved a \$100 donation for this Walk from SJ Finances.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

JAIL MINISTRY; CIRCLES OF SUPPORT - DEE

Notes:

No report. Include on December's Agenda.

SJ FINANCE DISBURSEMENT REPORT - CHRIS

Notes:

Donations from finances went to:

- Juneteenth Event
- Jail Ministry
- Hosea's Heart
- Catholic Charities
- Habitat Board Signing.

Fundraisers and money raised since then:

- \$1,150.00 from the July Strawberry Sundae event
- \$959.00 from the GRFF Bake Sale.

Updated balance: \$2,702.00

Discussion on further disbursements:

- Gift money in the name of a Student Scholarship? Question - "Are we missing the mark by not supporting college students?"
 - SJ Finances does make monetary donations to the food banks at UW-L, WTC, and Viterbo.
 - WTC has a Life Resources website for students to contact for help.
 - UW-L has an Emergency Resources website under Campus Life for students to contact for help.
 - Further research will be done.
 - The need may be greater at WTC. Tracy H. will contact a person at WTC and ask about the student's needs.
 - Jenn S. will contact Maddie about students' needs that she may be aware of.

WINTER WARMING CENTER; PREPARATION ACTIVITIES - WANDA

Notes:

Tony Weisse will contact volunteers in regards to Meals and Help for the new WWC Season which starts on November 1st and

runs until April 30th. Bulletin announcements will be submitted. No scheduled training for new volunteers. CC will provide

instructions onsite for new volunteers. There is a new WWC coordinator.

SAFE FAMILIES - ALICE AND CAROL

Notes:

No report. Put on December's SJ Agenda.

PLACE OF GRACE MEAL AND HOSPITALITY - PAT C

Notes:

Donations for food pantry greatly appreciated. No meal date for now. Pat C. will continue to coordinate.

UPDATES

*SJ FUNDRAISER: BAKED GOODS SALE AT GREAT RIVER FOLK FEST

Notes:

FINAL TOTAL: \$959.

HOSEA'S HEART

stage presentation

Notes:

BSP's Women's Club supports this project. No current update.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – DONATIONS & BOARD SIGNING

(ALICE)

Notes:

September Board Signing raised \$931.00.

Largest donation ever raised for this annual project.

Thank you to everyone who contributed with volunteer time and donations.

Side Note: BSP's Advent Fair is scheduled for Saturday, November 18th.

Information in the online bulletin coming soon.

Donations for various categories are needed. There is a poster in the Narthex at BSP with more information.

Thank you *EVERYONE* for all your hard work!

We could not do what we do without each of you!

Check out our updated website for volunteer opportunities.
<https://www.roncallinewmancenter.com/social-justice-ministries.html>

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