

Social Concerns Committee Minutes

Prayer Room, Tuesday, September 5, 2023, 1:00 pm

Attendees: Delores Badar, Mary Haggard, Rose Mary Zverina, Sharon Armstrong, Jane Berkeley, Georgene Cooper, Maggie McIntyre, Tom Nappier, Jeanette Nappier

- Opening prayer
- Thank you cards for Dawn Bloom and John Yakim were signed in appreciation for the help they provide with our projects
- Rocky River Assistance Program
 - The collection dates are the weekend before the *Pack and Sort* dates see <http://www.rrwc.org/rrap/pack-and-sort-dates>
 - Pack and Sort has many volunteers so this isn't a good opportunity to promote
 - Food item collection will continue during collections for other organizations
- Creation Care: Jeanette, Sharon
 - *The Letter* video will be shown in Mary's room at 11:45 on October 3
 - The Litter Pilgrimage is at 10:00 on October 14 at St. Colman Church
 - DSAO Creation Care virtual event 7:00pm Oct. 3; RSVP jcampbell@ccdacle.org
- Halloween Candy
 - Collection is being planned at both the church and school: Kathy
 - Equal Exchange chocolate (education not fund raiser): Jeanette
 - Child labor is involved in chocolate production, especially if farmers do not receive a fair price [see this information graphic](#)
 - Equal Exchange chocolate is fair-traded and sustainably produced, significantly reducing child labor
 - Jeanette is ordering Equal Exchange mini chocolate bars for Halloween distribution and will order for others if she receives a request by **Sept 22**.
 - Box of about 150 mini bars (23.8 oz) is \$34 (milk (45%) or dark (55%) chocolate)
 - If there is sufficient interest Jeanette can order bulk **dark** chocolate mini bars and divide them into 100 bar packages for \$18.24 (need 6 people)
 - If interested send request to Jeanette socialconcerns@stchrisparish.com
 - More information <https://shop.equalexchange.coop/collections/chocolate-minis>
 - Baking cocoa powder also available: \$6.00 for 8 oz (\$9.59 at Heinen's)
- DSAO Newsletter: Jeanette
 - Anyone interested in receiving a forwarded sample of the DSAO Newsletter email should send a request to Jeanette socialconcerns@stchrisparish.com
- Facebook: Jeanette, Terri
 - John Hosek is giving Terri administrative access to the Social Concerns Facebook page
 - Committee members are questioning the need for a Facebook page separate from that of the parish

- Other features of the SCC presence on the web, such as a separate Calendar, will be discussed with Terri
- Thanksgiving Food Collection: Mary, Maggie, Mary Ellen, Sharon
 - Committee members can bring butter on delivery day to avoid melting
 - Ideas to reduce the number of potatoes being investigated
 - Will coordinate delivery location/time with school collection
- GIFT Program: Rose Mary, Jane, Rita
 - Terri will digitize cards
 - Pick-up date Dec 17
 - Gayle will be contacted about printing cards
- Soup Supper: Maggie, Sharon
 - PSR Moms will organize the Soup Supper
 - SCC will organize a basket raffle; members have volunteered to provide gift cards
- Liaison Reports
 - Ladies Guild: Georgene
 - \$300 donated to SCP Weekend for cornhole
 - Little Flower congratulatory cards to families having new baptism
 - Book Club: 10am and 7pm September 27
 - Poverty Simulator: September, 30, 3:00-7:30 to benefit Sisters Haven
 - Ladies Night Out: social at 7pm on October 12
 - Parish Council: Cheryl (reporting from Terri's presentation)
 - Digital Screens will be placed in the Upper and Lower Gathering Area.
 - The screen in the lower gathering area can be used for funerals
 - Another screen will be placed at the bottom of the Atrium stairs.
 - A new outdoor sign will replace the current sign. This needs to be approved by the city.
 - Screens will run independent of each other.
 - A new mobile app will be introduced- it will give us the ability to integrate communications.
 - In the future any information we would like in Constant Contact, Facebook or on the screens can go to Terri.
- Volunteers to present topics to PSR students are being sought: Sharon
- Closing Prayer
- Next meeting October 3, 2023 at **1:00 pm in Mary's Room** (immediately after video)

Respectfully submitted,

September 7, 2023

Jeanette Nappier