

Social Concerns Committee Minutes

Prayer Room, Tuesday, April 1, 2025, 12:00 pm

Attendees: Mary Ann Jurak, Jane Berkeley, Mary Haggard, Colleen McKenna, Sharon Armstrong, Pat Roberts, Jeanette Nappier

- Opening prayer
- Creation Care: Jeanette, Sharon
 - Creation Care Challenge
 - 9 students from the Way participated on March 25
 - Equal Exchange sale task list follows the minutes
 - Lament: Jane, Mary, Maggie, Sharon, Colleen, Jeanette and Tom are readers
- Soup Supper/ Basket Raffle: Maggie
 - Ticket sales and help during supper: Mary, Mary Ann, Jane, Maggie, Pat
- Parish Council Feedback: Jeanette met with Chris Rosati on March 12 via Teams
 - Shared names of similar committees at surrounding parishes
 - Suggested name change to Social Outreach (keeping the word social because it appears in almost all the other parishes names, as well at DSAO; changing concerns because it sounds negative and outreach better describes what we do
 - Discussed time change to noon
 - Reported that meetings are now on Teams, as well as in person
 - Showed our activities PowerPoint and suggested Jeanette show it to Parish Council; Chris agreed and commented that continued dialogue is important
 - Chris mentioned that Parish Council is discussing Bishop Malesic's Pastoral Letter, which ends with service; this is the focus of this committee
- Ladie's Guild: Jane
 - April 2 Mary's Stations of the Cross
- DSAO: Jeanette
 - Asking for support for Rice Bowl
 - "The end of vital US humanitarian assistance programs impacts the most vulnerable around the world." Catholic Relief Services is working to bridge the gap.
 - Will check if bulletin announcement with instructions for how to submit Rice Bowl funds has been written and write something if needed.
- Closing Prayer
- Next meeting May 6, 2025, at 12:00 noon

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Nappier

April 8, 2025

Equal Exchange Coffee, Tea and Chocolate Task List

- Determine date with committee and reserve gathering area on calendar
- Write bulletin announcement and send to Dawn and Colleen 2 Weeks in advance of event
 - **Balay sa Kabus (House of the Poor)** (focus in 2025)
 - Stop by the Gathering Area after Mass this weekend and treat yourself to some delicious Equal Exchange coffee, chocolate and tea. You can feel good about purchasing these sustainably produced and fair-traded products, especially since proceeds from this sale will benefit the Balay sa Kabus (House of the Poor) to help Filipino families who have been impacted by climate change enhanced typhoons and fires. The sale is sponsored by the Creation Care Team of the Social Concerns Committee. If you would like to help with this or future Creation Care Team projects please stop by our table or email Jeanette socialconcerns@stchrisparish.com.
- Order Equal Exchange products at least 2 weeks in advance, (55% chocolate and hot chocolate mix sold well in February 2025)
- Contact John Yakum - need 2 tables, chairs and easels
- Arrange to pick up cash box from Joe and iPad with square from Kevin
- Arrange for TV with price list with Colleen (\$5 tea, chocolate bars and chocolate chips, \$10 hot chocolate and \$13, 2/\$25 coffee) Also Equal Exchange logo and logo of proceeds recipient
- Make 2 paper price lists for table
- Ask Gayle to include event in mass announcements on Wednesday or Thursday before event
- Get about \$60 in small bills for change
- Bring tablecloth, products, iPad, cash box, square, Equal exchange brochure, focus organization handout and sign to event
- Return cash, cash box, iPad, and square to Joe
- Send thank you to priests and Gayle for mass announcement (include total amount raised)
- Send Joe instructions for disbursement of funds
- Report to SCC
- Thank you bulletin article
- Revise task list