

And Justice for All
Sunday, January 19, 2014

Present: Mary and Rob Yanko, Carolyn Varner, Rita Rochford, Mary and Dave Tschantz, Anne Burris, Larry Furman, Jan and Jack Pierson

The meeting was convened at 5:35 p.m. Mary Y. read the opening prayer.

No action on minutes was taken. Mary Y. distributed a calendar for 2014 with meeting dates marked in blue. Corrections and additions: move April's meeting to April 13; no June meeting; move November's meeting to November 16. There will be no meeting in December. A revised calendar will be distributed by Mary.

General Session

Mary Y. announced that we were given the Bishop Pilla Church in the City award at the Catholic Commission annual dinner.

Mary Y. described an e-mail she received from Fr. Valenchek regarding the information about the Affordable Care Act which was provided in an article provided by NCCB [??]. Concern was expressed about Father V's failure to acknowledge the validity of the information in the article. Discussion ensued about the importance of reacting to information about social justice concerns which appears in the bulletin.

Ongoing Projects

Mary T. said there has been no meeting of the Catholic Commission since December. Diane Z_____ has been hired to replace Karen Leith. Diane moved to our area from Austin, TX, where she had a similar position with the Austin Diocese.

No Lenten program is being planned because Fr. V., after consultation with Parish Council and Finance Council, informed Mary T. and Larry that only \$350.00 would be made available and that we would need to raise funds for any cost over that amount. Mary and Larry therefore informed Fr. V. that the program would not be held this Lent. If we want to sponsor a program in 2015, we will need to inform Cathy Sivic in February or March of this year so that the expense can be included in the parish budget. Mary T. said that St. Hilary has a well-planned program regarding faith and the environment in conjunction with Faith Lutheran church. There was discussion of whether to restrict donations to the parish to the Fr. Karg Adult Education and Faith Formation fund.

For Discussion

Rita said that the Forest Lodge program was poorly attended. After discussion, there was general agreement that the Faith Lodge presentations should be done each month in lieu of the Lenten and movie series programs which we had previously sponsored.

At our February 16 meeting, Carolyn will give the first presentation on *Evangelii Gaudium*. An e-mail will be sent describing what portions of the document will be covered.

Mary Y. described articles in the New Yorker and The Nation which have described the generally positive reactions to Pope Francis.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned approximately at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Pierson

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