

PRESENT: Mary Anne Boyd, Kathy Hays, Debbie Otero, Claire Tenhundfeld

ABSENT: Jodi Knollman, Don Weinkam

MAINTENANCE: Discussed Vatican II Declaration, Nostra Aetate, observing what we have in common with Judaism and Islam religions. Divisions and prejudices surface due to historical and cultural factors, fundamentalism and media. We need to explore ways we can learn more about the tenets of these religions.

DECISIONS:

Grace Place. Claire contacted Hume Jamison about our commitment for this summer. To limit our involvement, we can choose to work one event or partner with another group.

Sorting Refugee Donations. We will assist at Catholic Charities Warehouse on June 3 from 10-2. Parishioners can call Kathy or Mike Hays for information and to volunteer.

World Refugee Day. We will assist and Claire will find more information about what is involved. All parishioners are invited to attend.

DISCUSSION:

Refugee Collection of Bathroom and Bedroom items will be prior to Masses May 20-21. Kathy will assist at 4:30 and Mary Anne and Debbie before the 10:00 Mass.

New Members. Invitation will be extended at Parish Council Breakfast, through the bulletin, and by personal invitation. Anyone interested can attend our June meeting.

Sandwich Ministry. Since Don was absent, we will discuss this at our June meeting.

REPORTS:

Birthright is closed due to lack of funding. Quilts and blankets will be diverted to Catholic Charities, Pregnancy Centers or other charities.

April Refugee Collection of cleaning supplies was very successful.

Earth Day seed distribution was well received by parishioners.

Project Rachel presentation will be October 22 with a social worker assisting Project Rachel team.