

**MINUTES OF SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING
2018 06 12**

PRESENT:

L. McKenzie, S. Scollard, C. Scollard, C. Gauthier, Sr. Maria, Deacon Gaston, T. Ford, S. Gasparotto, M. Colihan, C. Murphy

The meeting began with a prayer led by Sr. Maria, asking God to help us in our life as instruments of God.

BLANKET EXERCISE UPDATE:

Despite attempting to plan an activity as a follow-up to the Blanket Exercise we have so far been unsuccessful at arranging continuing dialogue with the indigenous community. However, we have learned through Sr. Kathleen Lichti that once Jacqueline Fraser is done with the blanket exercises to which she has committed, she (Jacqueline) hopes to bring people together who have participated in the Blanket Exercise to decide on possible next steps.

FEEDBACK ON SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE SUBMISSION TO THE DIOCESE:

We have not had any feedback concerning what we had submitted to the diocese prior to Bishop Fabbro's visit. Deacon Gaston was on retreat during the visit. Larry McKenzie reported that in his reading of the minutes of the meeting with the Bishop it appeared there were concerns expressed by some groups. Deacon Gaston said that he had not heard of this but that he would read the minutes and see whether his interpretation of the minutes was similar to Larry's.

ALL CANDIDATES MEETING UPCOMING MUNICIPAL ELECTION:

Deacon Gaston followed up with Fr. Murray on our tentative plans for the parish to host a mayoral and ward candidates meeting in September. Mary Ann will prepare a written request to hold the meeting, and upon approval from Bishop Fabbro, we will make plans for the meeting, and will request of the candidates their views on social justice issues such as housing, poverty, transit etc.

POSSIBLE EDUCATIONAL SPEAKERS FOR 2018-19:

In keeping with our responsibility as a Social Justice Committee to give the parish an opportunity to learn about various social justice issues, we discussed whom we might invite to make a presentation next year. Possibilities included Summer Bressette on indigenous issues and Deb Matthews on how government works.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mary Ann will report on possible alterations to the St. Michael's School breakfast program at a future meeting.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be on September 11th. Teresa Ford will chair the meeting and Carole Murphy will prepare the prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm