

St. Monica Facilitation Team

June 20, 2018

Attendance: John Curran, Father Ray Fleming, Meg Lute and Bob Passalugo

Excused: Connie Chau, Mary Fran Kolbuc.

Absent: Best Batchateu

1. Father Ray's Updates:

- **Buildings & Grounds** projects involving the repair of the stained glass windows (metal frames, stained glass and masonry) will proceed this summer. Church lighting updates will take place also. School building projects will go ahead during this summer vacation.

- **Urban Ministry:** Fr. Ray attended a Diocesan meeting involving shared urban ministry among Roman Catholic parishes. The discussion balanced input regarding guidance from the pastors themselves and leadership coming from the individual parishioner groups. FT members recalled that a similar effort occurred about ten years ago. The dialogue on shared urban ministry will continue.

2. Ministry and Activity Updates:

- **School for the Deaf community service** at St. Monica: Fourteen students added mulch and planted flowers in the parish gardens on 6/18/18. Activity was fun and productive.

- The **Welcome Ministry** will continue its photography sessions for the parish directory until the end of July. The sessions run smoothly and the finished results look great.

- **Welcoming Cyclists for Weekend Stay August 3rd at St. Monica:** Patrick Johnson, a New York state coordinator for a touring volunteer home repair group visited St. Monica. The cycling group is part of a national effort already underway that is touring America from West Coast to East Coast. They repair homes in the communities they visit. St. Monica will provide a place to stay while in Rochester in the narthex and the rectory lower level. Watch for further details and opportunities to assist with hospitality.

- The **Westside Farmers Market** will expand its fresh poultry and meat offerings 6/26/18 using a co-op format. The Market includes ASL interpreting services for individual shopping and for the "A Walk with a Doc" medical information series.

- **Beats at Brooks:** St. Monica parishioners and 19th Ward volunteers have helped plan and manage a free summertime musical series entitled *Beats at Brooks*. The Thursday evening bi-weekly events start at 7:00pm and end at dusk. Musicians perform outdoors at the amphitheater steps of the student high-rise residence along the river at Brooks Avenue at South Plymouth near the pedestrian bridge.

- **Outdoor Choral Event at Rapids Cemetery (90 Congress Avenue):** There will be a free *a cappella* performance of songs from the 19th Century commemorating the progress on the restoration of the 200 year-old neighborhood cemetery. Outdoor seating will use the reclaimed amphitheater hillside at the cemetery's meditation garden. Event has ties to St. Monica.

• **Suddenly Single:** Bob Passalugo has agreed to hold meetings / outings once a week for 6 weeks for those who recently lost a spouse. The idea is to get these individuals to have some fun, have conversation with other folks in their situation, and the opportunity to start again. The group will not have psychological professionals. If the group meetings become successful, then future sessions can be offered. A September starting date in the evening is being considered.

Next Facilitation Team Meeting: July 11, 2018 6:00pm at the rectory

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