

Social Action Commission
October 27, 2009

Present: Nick Deblasio, Amy Hoffman, Joan Krueger, Maria Meyer, Chris Schell and Sue Clement

Guest: Chad Drinnen

Opened with prayer – Joan Krueger

Twinning Goal Nine (Objective A) –Chad reported to us on the progress with twinning. Chad contacted Sister Rita in Uganda through Sister Rachel. Her letter back was very positive. They are very interested in a church to church twinning relationship. She would like more clarification. There are no parish boundaries. 4 or 5 different churches are in the surrounding area. The local priest (Father Steve) travels and serves multiple churches. He is already familiar with twinning and the Sister is sure that he would say “yes” to twinning. There is already a relationship between two churches and parishes in California and Michigan. They would like to have a Cincinnati connection. There is great respect for the sisters.

They have had visits from other twinning parishes in the states. The church that she feels would be most interested is the Ugandan Martyrs Church. They are very interested in visiting back and forth and in cultural sharing – not financial – not fund raising. So it appears they are on board with our thoughts.

We decided that our next step is to form a Twinning Committee. They would then put a 5 year plan into place. Amy and Maria are interested in being on the committee and are hoping that Kristen would be interested also. Chad doesn't mind continuing to be the main contact with the sisters. We may even ask Mike Gable to revisit with the committee once it is formed. We remember that he urged us to talk to other parishes and other Ugandans in the Cincinnati area. Maria was going to contact Keith; the youth minister @ St. Mary's. We will all be vigilant in looking for candidates for the committee. The members of Living Peace and Justice will be asked also.

The discussion on forming a committee brought us to the Hospitality Committee – please see below.

Hospitality Goal Three(Objective B) –Chris explained how the Hospitality Committee was formed. Hospitality was a Social Action Committee Goal, as is Twinning. She explained that SAC brainstormed as to what Hospitality meant, set goals and tasks. She headed up the committee. She looked for those interested and committed. They drew up a contract. They needed a deadline and a commitment.

The Hospitality Report was completed on time – submitted on 8/31/09. The suggestions need to be shepherded. We will discuss next month.

Next Meeting is Tuesday November 24, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the school library trailer.

Closing Prayer by all – Hospitality of the Heart.

Please contact Sue or Joan if you are unable to attend our meeting.