

**Social Concerns and Community Life Commission Minutes
June 5, 2007**

Members Present: Sr. Toni Jendrasiak, Sr. Marcie Lambert, Chris Frank, Rheda Jelen, Carol Ray, Betty Staeven, Kathy LaLuzerne, Sharon Zambrowicz

Members Absent: Jerry Meyer, Carolynne Younk

I. Opening prayer led by Sharon

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

III. Additions and approval of agenda

IV. Items for action

A. We reviewed and evaluated this past year's activities (***see separate listing below**)

B. Future planning

1. Back-to-School Store

a. We will put notices in the bulletin listing items for people to donate.

b. We will start collecting items at all parishes starting July 8.

c. We will sort and deliver the items on Monday, August 6 at O'Brien Hall at St. Pat's.

2. Fair-Trade Coffee from Catholic Relief Services (Sharon Zambrowicz)

a. Sharon will do more research from CRS .

b. We will plan a coffee/rolls Sunday at which we will introduce the concept and products to all Parishioners, tentatively set for Sunday, September 16.

c. We will have coffee, tea, and chocolate available for sale at this event, AND we will encourage parish groups to use fair-trade coffee at their events.

3. Prayer Shawl Ministry information will be included in the bulletin, with an explanation and the upcoming date for interested people to come together to begin this ministry. (Kathy LaLuzerne)

4. New Community Shelter meal program (Rheda Jelen)

A. Rheda has lined up groups from our parishes to prepare and serve the meals for June and July.

C. Here is the breakdown of our current commission members to the two new commissions for next year:

Social Concerns: Jerry Meyer, Carol Ray, Kathy LaLuzerne, Sharon Zambrowicz

Christian Life: Chris Frank, Rheda Jelen, Betty Staeven, Carolynne Younk

V. Next meeting is at 6:30 on Tuesday, August 7.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Ray

***Commission activities/accomplishments for 2006-2007**

+Monthly dinner at the New Community Shelter

+Back-to-School Store

+Love Life/Respect Life Activities: Baby shower

Roe vs. Wade observance

Love Life's 10th anniversary

+Spring Spruce-Up

+COTS program

+Fair-Trade Coffee

+Christmas outreach

+Catholic Build for Habitat for Humanity

+Mission speaker---Sr. Jan from Global Partners/Running Waters

+Holy Thursday collection donated to one of Sr. Jan's water projects in Peru

+Dispersed information on Catholic social teaching in the bulletin

+Collections for the food pantry

+Booth at the Ministry Fair

+Made available the petition regarding the immigration proposal for the City Council