

**St. Pascal Social Justice and Caring Committee
MINUTES**

**September 3, 2026 at 6:30 pm
In-Person at St. Pascal's**

Present:

Bruce Labno, Sue Labno, Julie Ludden, Carol DePouw, Mary Weyandt, Laurie Diamond, Chris Malec, Margaret Malec, Kim Roering, Mary Tacheny, Mary Huettl, John Muggee

Chris Malec offered prayer

AGENDA

→ **Faithful Citizenship and Catholic Social Teaching: Faithful Citizenship and Catholic Social Teaching:** This fall a four-week series will be held at St. Pascal's exploring the themes of Catholic Social Teaching and how they can be applied to thoughtful voting. The sessions will take place on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:00 PM in Brioschi Hall beginning September 14. Sessions will include prayer, video reflections, and small group conversation. For more information contact Kim Roering (651.432.4958). Kim and Fr. John will alternate facilitating each week. Fr. John will facilitate the 1st one. Request that the team members commit to attending at least 1 or more of the events.

→ **Catholic Nonviolence (Kim):** [Catholic Nonviolence Initiative of Pax Christi International](#)

Mary W will follow up to get more information including location of the onsite meeting. Mary H., Laurie D., and Carol D., may be interested in this group.

→ **Monarca Democracy Defense Training:** Battle Creek Rec Center on Wednesday, Sept. 9 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM. This is an in-person event. - mass to support immigrants Sept. 27th, event [Register to receive exact location details](#). Let Mary W. and Mary T. know as they will be going.

→ **Angel Tree:** Mary W cleared a required background check. Carol had a request for clarification on some of the gift requests. Skin care was a request and that is a broad category especially for facial care - oily, dry, acne, etc. Body wash and lotion was provided.

→ **Message from Gloria Nwoye** - They are now in Canada, waiting for Mr. Nwoye to join them. He is still in Nigeria. Came close to goal on GoFundMe, which is still open to support the family through this transition.

→ **We Care Campaign:** (Chris Malec) The June funds for Acola \$1,531.75 and The Free Book Buggy \$1,441.75. \$855 – was from the collection plate. End of October for the next donation. Julie L. passed info regarding the [PROCEED Foundation](#) who is funding the new building at Progressive Baptist, and suggested it be considered for the [We Care Campaign Funding](#). Another option was to support was Every Meal. Kim, John M, and Mary W met briefly with Fr. John to make him aware of the request from Progressive. Julie L agreed to connect with someone in leadership in Progressive to visit with the committee at the October meeting.

→ **NNO Debrief (Mary W):** What went well and suggestions for the future.

- Women's Club jewelry give away was a big hit
- Goody bags ran out – we assembled 75, maybe we want to go up to 100,
- Several people asked if the hot dogs had pork, maybe next year ensure they are all beef

- Care for Creation Team – didn't work at all, no one stopped by

Bloodmobile: Made the goal for July 6th

Next date is temporarily set for Nov. 2nd. Waiting for confirmation from Red Cross liaison

Care for Creation Team: Planning a date for September, and will set the plan for the coming year. Email sent to all on seminar on plastics "Moving Beyond Plastics in a Throwaway Culture" scheduled for September 10 at 6:00 pm Central time. Here is the registration weblink and a bit more info for your consideration: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

Care for Creation mass, liturgy has been formalized, will check to see if Fr. John would be interested in having a mass here in October. Archbishop Hebda will be having the creation mass this week at St. Francis of Assisi.

Donation Closet:

July – Merrick Community Center Backpack Drive – thrilled to receive all.

August – Progressive – Amazed at how much St. Pascal's donates. Second Harvest is not getting as much food, another grant is coming up, depends on how many apply, but are guaranteed a portion

September - Listening House – hygiene and clothing

Merrick:

New volunteers continue to join this parish ministry! Now that the parish no longer has a Facebook page Mary Weyandt continues to use Facebook publicity via 10 local FB groups (Southeast Community Organization, East Side News, East Side Madness, Positively East Side, Twin Cities Free Food Resources, etc.) and now posts a "day of" update after the food is packed. Our guests have reported both the FB posts and the on-site sign holders as reasons that they become aware and stop by to pick up food.

Twin Cities Catholics for Immigrant Justice: The group is in transition with Scott Brazil stepping back as the facilitator. Bill McDonough (St. Kate's/Lilly Grant) has proposed a discernment meeting, to be scheduled.

Beacon: Nothing new to report from Julie Moore. Gladstone did get all their funding. Waiting to hear

OTHER?

Day of Prayer at St. Kate's – was fabulous.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 1st at St. Pascal's

PRAYER FOR OCTOBER: Margaret Malec

MINUTES FOR OCTOBER: Carol DePouw

PRELIMINARY AGENDA ITEMS FOR OCTOBER:

Denise from PROCEED to be invited to the meeting to discuss the funding for new building at Progressive.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol DePouw