St. Pascal Social Justice and Caring Committee Agenda
MINUTES

November 5, 2026 at 6:30 pm
Zoom meeting

Present: Julie Ludden, Carol DePouw, Mary Weyandt, Chris Malec, Margaret Malec, Kim Roering, Martha Arko, Mary Huettl, Father John, Bill Dorgan, Laurie Dimond, Chris Igielski

Mary Huettl offered prayer

Reflection and Sharing

AGENDA

- Angel Tree and Giving Tree
  - Tree and tags will go up on November 21
  - Assign people to drop off Giving Tree items to Catholic Charities in December
  - Angel Tree Gifts will be due by the weekend of December 12-13
- Cabinets for donation items in the coat room area are arriving this week
- We Care Campaign Update
- Spiritual Resilience and the Work of Justice" on Monday, November 9, 6pm-8pm at Rauenhorst Ballroom at the University of St. Catherine. (see flyer)

Catholic Nonviolence Initiative of Pax Christi International (Mary) will reach out to them to see if we can get more information, but it will be after the 1st of the year since there is so much going on.

REPORTS -

Bloodmobile (Margaret Malec): November 2, 1-7 pm At St. Pascal's 32 units, 1 short of the goal. The next one is scheduled at Grace on Feb. 1st and at St. Pascal's on April 12th.

Care for Creation Team (Julie Ludden): St. Paul will begin food scraps collection starting in Feb. 2027. Group was discussing about possibly doing some videos with information so people will know what is going on and how to do it.

Donation Closet:

- October - Options for Women East - Julie Ludden - Met the director, always very appreciative of the donations from St. Pascal's
- November - Joseph's Coat Winter Clothing Drive, drop-offs anytime in November at Church, deliveries will be on Thursday, 11/19 at 1 pm and Thursday, 12/3 at 1 pm
- December - Giving Tree and Angel Tree – Carol, Laurie and Margaret offered to take the donations to Catholic Charities. Mary will take care of Angel Tree

Merrick (Mary Weyandt): Roel Ramos from Second Harvest completed a biennial site visit on Monday, October 26th. Kim reported that he was impressed with the team's organization and welcoming spirit. Second Harvest and Merrick are providing thermometers and thermal blankets for increased food safety. The team is planning to collect 60 gift cards ($25) to distribute to guests on Monday, December 21st. Kim's plan for the Faith Formation group will be to have them decorate the Christmas cards/envelopes holding the gift cards to be given out at the food distribution. They will also decorate the cards that Barb sends out to parishioners.

Progressive (Julie Ludden): They did get funding so were able to restart work on parking lot, steps are done. Even though they restarted, funding may not be enough, so there will be ongoing fund raising.

Twin Cities Catholics for Immigrant Justice (Mary Weyandt): The group is working on maintaining momentum now that the St. Kate's Lilly Grant is no longer providing staff support. Anne Attea, Program Minister at Center for Spirituality & Social Justice (CSSJ), will continue to connect the group via email and arrange for virtual meetings. Mary Weyandt has established a Google Calendar to share events. Please let Mary W know if you're interested in the calendar or any upcoming meetings.

Beacon (Julie Moore):
November 12th 12:00-1:00 Gladstone Crossing Groundbreaking
December 3rd 7:00-9:00 pm Beacon Convening: Faith in Home. It will be held at Creekside UCC in Minneapolis. More information to follow.

Other
The Women's Club had offered to purchase new donation cabinets. Bids were coming in around $11,000 - $16,000. Carla Hibbison found some on Facebook marketplace, hired a moving company to bring them up from Hastings. There are 4 that have been installed into the room behind the coat room, near the bathrooms, they do need to be cleaned, as they are quite dirty. One additional cabinet was put into the closet in Brioschi Hall for storage of the flowers, tablecloths and other items used for the funeral lunches and women's club events.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, December 3, 2026 via Zoom
Prayer for December: Laurie Dimond
Minutes for December: Carol DePouw

Preliminary Agenda Items for December:
We care campaign update

Respectfully submitted,
Carol DePouw