

Voice of the Faithful of N.J. Coordinating Team Minutes

February 17, 2018

Present: Bernice Anglin, Juanita & Charlie Saco, Theresa Padovano, Tina Genest, Mary Aktay, Mary & Gerry Gannon, Bob Pipchick, Leo & Carole Rogers, Mary Murphy

Prayer: We opened with group silent prayer for Mary Aktay's daughter, baby, and family.

Evaluation of recent panel presentation on future ministry: All agreed that the venue was comfortable, and welcoming. Lunch was very good and served in a really pleasant atmosphere. Leo was congratulated on doing an excellent job as MC. The panel was described as outstanding and a fine mix of backgrounds and opinions. Members were reminded to send opinions and summaries of the content to Theresa. Carole, Mary M. and Mary G. will join Theresa as a committee to formulate a general written statement from these many documents. This may be published in the newsletter in the future. Our expenses for venue, food, speakers travel, etc. were \$2699 and our receipts were \$840. Bob also prepared a detailed written report.

Meeting with John Dear March 25th at 3:30: Mary A., Bernice and Tina will all be notifying their contacts regarding this meeting. We were all asked to communicate about this with any peace groups with whom we are familiar. Mary G. will notify Pax Christi. It was decided to hold the meeting in the church and to plan to have snacks and drinks available after. Bob will need to have the donation basket available. Terry Moran, Theresa, and Anthony will take the speaker out to dinner. Terry will also introduce him. John's latest book will be on sale for \$20 each. Mary., Janet, and Bunny have volunteered to sell them. Whoever is well will do the honors. Bob P. is ordering them to be delivered to Charlie

Planning Ahead: As usual we will not have meetings in May, June, July or August. The September meeting should be planned for the end of the month. More discussion on programs for the future will occur at our next team meeting.

Criteria for Inclusion in Newsletter: The focus should first of all be on our featured topic. Other articles should only deal with the mission and purpose of VOTFNJ and should be limited in number. Providing links to these topics rather than articles should help to make the newsletter more concise.

Victims/Survivors: *The Advocate*, which is the newspaper of the Newark Archdiocese, publicizes a phone number to call to report incidents of abuse. The phone number is in the Chancery. The appropriate procedure is to call the Office of the County Prosecutor. Theresa P. will ask Bob Call, who raised the concern at one of our liturgies, if he would be willing to contact the editor of *The Advocate* to recommend this correction as a first step to rectifying the matter.

Next Meeting: April 21st at Carole and Leo Rogers.

Submitted by: Mary E. Murphy