

**Members Present:** Patrick and Roxanne Miner, Jack Boerschinger, Juan Jacome, Jeff Gumz, Jan Campbell, Mary Domke (may have missed attendee(s) since I neglected to record people during the meeting).

**Morning Prayer:** prayed the office/liturgy of the hours; prayed for Franciscans in the Holy Land and for Fr. Pons. Not sure if Fr. Pons' location.

**OFS Business:**

- approved minutes
- Will focus on formation in upcoming meetings.
- Treasurer report-Paul was absent.
- Tony Schneider (Community Engagement) from St Johns Ministries described the history and work of the St John Homeless Shelter.
  - Started this ministry working in church basements with the homeless staying in the basements on cots.
  - This is the second season of the separate Men's and Women's shelter.
  - Had 17 seasons of just the Men's shelter in the school.
  - 426 individuals as homeless guests from Nov 2023 to present. This is a 20% increase from last year.
  - Now are getting 150 guests each night. Only have 139 beds. Overflow people stay on cots.
  - St John is a homeless shelter of last resort. People that are kicked out of other shelters stay at St John. Some guests have addictions. Kids are not sheltered at St Johns.
  - Offer summer safe sleep for people who are chronically homeless. So, there are volunteer needs in the summer.
  - Michah Center is open week days to help homeless and people on the verge homeless.
  - Wellspring: women only. Open during the days to assist women in finding work.
  - Social workers have time to spend about 1 hour per week per guest. 5 men social workers and 3 women social workers.
- Jack shared life story and funeral information about Richard Raflik. Mark Fuller had looked after Richard in his later years. Richard was 3<sup>rd</sup> Order Franciscan and was prayerful and reverent.
- Thinking of surveying the people who are not showing up to meetings to see there reasons for not attending.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Order Franciscans have reorganized. We're connected to the Our Lady of Guadeloupe.
- Nov 16 is to be the election for new officers for our fraternity.
- Talking with Lucas Holt—social living justice coordinator with the diocese. He may be a guest at our meeting.
- Sharon Dao (sp?) will be at next meeting.

- Possibly, 2 spanish speaking people will start formation.

**Apostolate:** Feb 4 is the next meal date at St John's—need volunteers from our fraternity. Plan to plant trees in the spring.

**Formation:** Laudato Si

- Cover Chapter 3
- Cultivate and tend environment.
- Selfishness in caring for environment often carries over to lack of care for others and lack of respect for life.
- Practical Relativism: A person is their own center and their self is foremost above all others. This person take care of their own needs. Causes great suffering, human trafficking, killing of endangered species, killing the unborn.
- Need to shift from selfishness to community care.
- Dignity of Huma Person in Relationship to Work. Gives meaning to our lives. Provide fulfillment. Bad to overwork, too. Work should not extinguish prayer or relaxation.

**Ending Prayer:** Our Father in Spanish

**Franciscan Joy-social**