

Minutes Social Justice/RIC committee meeting August 6, 2024, on Zoom

Present: Gabrielle Applequist, Ken Grove, Nick Tinker, Gretchen Bingea, and Karen Campbell

1. Coffee hour, Sunday August 18

The Council approved this tasting trial day.

Gretchen will check this coming Sunday how much coffee is needed. Between her coffee and Gabrielle's, we should have enough regular and decaf.

Gretchen and Gabrielle will bring cheese, crackers, grapes, cookies, juice. Nick and Mary Kay will help with serving and cleaning.

Gabrielle will ask the office to print a few copies of the article "Coffee Justice in Mexico" as well as the brochure in the Café Justo website. Gretchen will send a message to the office for next week newsletter and bulletin.

The members attending the coffee hour will be asked to express their comments after tasting the new coffee. Some type of survey. The idea is to encourage the church to order Café Justo from now on for the coffee hour.

Gretchen mentioned that there is a price break for churches. The Episcopalian Diocese is already ordering this coffee, and we could share the cost for the shipment. Also, individual members of the church could order their own Café Justo if they like it. All this is for a good cause.

Let's mention that there is a jar on the counter where people may put some change to help pay for the church's coffee! Maybe we need another jar at the end of the counter!

2. Cards for Matt Christensen's fund raising

Karen gave us an update. The cards have been printed 3 times. The 1st and 2nd orders have been sold, and the money has been put in a fund by Tom Christensen: a deposit of \$1,000 and another one of \$700. But the printing cost and envelopes ... will need to be refunded.

King of Glory will get 22 packs of each set + a demonstration pack. Immanuel and other churches in the cluster will also get some packs to sell. Members buying cards may write a check at the name of Tom Christensen. Karen think others could pay Tom through Venmo.

As Kinkos' price went up, Ken may print some colored cards himself.

First the cards will be sold at the King of Glory Men's Fellowship meeting, then a table will be set in the narthex for September 22, 29, and October 6. Cards will also be sold at the bazaar November 8 and 9 There is no sale tax as this is a fund-raiser by donations.

Ken will write a message to be in the September's newsletters and bulletins. In each set of cards, Karen suggested putting a thank you note for those who buy the sets.

3. Pride Parade, September 15

Nick will order the 4' x 6' banner. Council accepted this banner to be installed on the west wall of the fence enclosure in front of the church. We should be able to do it before the Pride Parade. We will use the banner we already have at the Parade itself. The parade this year will start at 9. There will be a service at the Andrus park at 8:15.

Pastor Connie will bring the candies to be distributed to the kids.

All this will be announced to the congregation and there will be a table in the narthex for members to sign up. Gabrielle will check if she has pictures of former parades with King of Glory, so Nick can add them to the poster. Pastor Connie should also have some pictures. Gabrielle will attend the table on Sunday September 8th.

September 15 is also RIC Sunday at King of Glory.

4. American Indian acknowledgement

Gabrielle will ask the office to put this following website in future newsletters and bulletins. <https://elca.org/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/Ministries-of-Diverse-Cultures-and-Communities/Indigenous-Ministries-and-Tribal-Relations/Truth-and-Healing-Movement>

October 14 is Indigenous People's Day, an opportunity for the congregation to be more informed about what the ELCA is doing concerning the fate of the American Indians in this country.

5. Bias and its impact to Welcome

Nick is asking the Council, via our liaison Ken, to approve the purchase of the bias training package. The training could be used during the month of February for the new Council. It will also be offered to other sub groups to maximize its use for the 30 days we have access to the training.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3 AT 2PM ON ZOOM