

Minutes of EPF Meeting of November 27, 2017

Attendees: Mike Roman, Joey Cardamone, John Jackson, Blythe and Frank Baldwin, Nancy and Ed Siemon, , Linda Gaither, Cathy Lewis.

Opening Prayer: EPF prayer; individuals offered prayers; concluded with Lord's prayer.

Business:

1. Prayer Card: Cathy reported Gnomon can print 500 for \$290 plus \$60 per hour to fix the files to prepare for printing. Staples was slightly higher in price. Ed has not had an answer to inquiry to Fed-ex. He will get an estimate from Word Pro. Action: Ed will get into and share it on email; decision can be made over email by the group.

John wondered if we could use the cards to fund raise. Linda recommended that we brainstorm how to use the cards once we have them printed and in hand.

2. CNY Diocesan Convention: Linda reported a much better response this year to the EPF display. Convention attendees picked up pamphlets and asked about issues such as guns, Steadfast Hope curriculum about Palestine/Israel, and Bread for the World hunger advocacy. Bishop Dede stopped by the EPF table. More energy about social issues than in the past. (Trump effect?)

Mike reported that there were resolution against racism.

3. Web Site: In response to Mike's request at the October meeting for more information for the web site, Cathy wanted to give information about Israel/Palestine but didn't what format to use or what information of actions she should address. She wanted more information about the purpose and audience for this information.
4. John asked that we insert issues into the prayers of the people during mass. Mike will check on this with Sarah, St. John's parish administrator.
5. Letter Writing: We wrote letters to Tom Reed decrying Palestinian children in Israeli prisons and abuse of those children by Israelis.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, December 27, 2017, at 5:00 PM. Bring a bag supper. We will brainstorm and plan for 2018. At 7:00 PM we will attend Contemplative Prayer service with theme of Peace and Justice.

Adjourned at 6:30

Respectfully, Nancy Siemon