

Southern Alameda Deanery
12 March 2017

The meeting opened with prayer by Mark Spaulding

Goals set at the Deanery Vestry retreat were reviewed.

Youth Event (Abby and Molly)

- Collecting VBS dates
- collecting youth contacts
- Event for all youth together
- Nightwatch at the end of March

Smackdown/chowdown (Jim and Ron)

- Chowdown/smack down dates and locations are set for 2017
- 1st event at Holy Cross, then St. Bart's, then St. Clare's
- Two traveling trophies - one people's choice, one celebrity judges

Deanery Workdays (Mark)

- send facilities reps names and contact info to Mark at HC

Social Justice

- Flyers for the Hayward Historical Society gatherings were distributed

Paired church outreach (Trish and Jen)

- So far, St. Clare's and St. Bart's working together at Open Heart Kitchen

Disaster Preparedness (Elaine Vallecillo-Miller) packets were distributed to each of the churches. Churches are to update their plans yearly. Check your asset map for accuracy

Episcopal Church Impact (Kathleen Piraino)

Beyond Emancipation Services is our current grant recipient

Next choices are

- Davis Street Family Resource Center
- Axis Community Health
- Big Heart Wellness

Sacred Space (Mark)- Scheduled in Hayward through the beginning of July. At that time, Sacred Space Hayward will exit diocesan special mission status and will become a mission of the Southern Alameda Deanery. A meeting is planned after Easter with the deacons of the deanery to help form a plan for moving forward.

Corazon (Jim) - The build is June 25, and we need 34-50 volunteers. Each one needs to fill out a profile online. The cost of the build is approximately \$9K. It is hoped that each of the churches will contribute to the project

Executive Council (Richard and Scott) - This is Richard's last year on Council. This is a great way to represent the deanery and get to know more about the workings of the diocese. Council functions as the Board of Directors. We're invited to participate in a diocesan common reading experience *At Home in Exile* and to meet the author Russell Jeung. Details are in DioBytes.

Council would like to improve communication between the deaneries/congregations and the diocese. Scott and Richard were given questions to take back to Council. Lively discussion ensued regarding how difficult it was to get a response from diohouse. We will wait until the next deanery meeting (Sunday June 11, 2 p.m. St. Clare's) to hear the response, then consider a letter from deanery leadership to address the issue.

Our representatives to the diocesan councils and committees enjoy their service and encourage everyone to consider serving.

Meeting was closed with prayer by Patricia Pearson.