

**Mandeville Sister Diocese Committee**  
**Minutes**  
**January 12, 2020**

Present were: Dr. and Mrs. Ward, Todd Conway, Mark Heinz, Father Steve Holman, and Richard Murphy.

The meeting opened with prayer.

The minutes from the October 27, 2019 meeting were accepted as published.

Reports/Discussion

1. **Ash Wednesday Collection Preplanned for 2020:** Progress was slow on the development of flyers, bulletin announcement and talk set to be used for the Ash Wednesday collection set for February 26, 2020. The plan was to have these items completed and ready to send to the parishes by the first week of February. Richard asked Committee Members who may have pictures from recent trips in 2019 to send good candidates for use in the flyer at their earliest convenience. There was some discussion about using an appeal note from Bishop Medley should he be available before his trip overseas.

2. **Mission Immersion Trips for 2020 (Bus Collection Results):** The Mandeville Diocese was still collecting and accumulating funds for a new bus to transport pilgrims coming to the Diocese on mission immersion trips. As reported previously, and by agreement of the committee, The Diocese of Owensboro sent \$6000 in collected monies to the Mandeville diocese.

Members of St. Stephen Cathedral Parish, including Dr. Phil Hurley and his wife Mary Beth are working on a medical mission trip to the Mandeville Diocese. They have been in communication with the Mandeville Diocese about the requirements for coming, lodging while they are in country, and potential site for their base of operations. They are also still working on persons in the medical profession that may accompany them. The dates for the trip have been set and they are March 28-April 4, 2020, or over roughly the timeframe of spring break in Western Kentucky. Mrs. Ward noted that the optimal time to seek to purchase airline tickets was roughly 52 days from the flight. Some discussion followed about who may be invited to go along with them. The Committee urged all those considering going on the trip to meet the requirements of the Jamaican government so as to serve in country in a legal manner. The Diocese of Mandeville has already sent the paperwork to those considering going so as to complete those requirements.

3. **Recruiting New Members:** Richard encouraged Committee Members to be on the lookout for potential new members to the committee after they have had a mission immersion experience and may have expressed an interest in working with the committee.

**4. Container Collection for the Diocese of Mandeville in 2020:** Richard informed the Committee that the Diocese of Mandeville has been approached about our interests in doing container collection in 2020. Theresa Givens, the Business Manager for the Diocese has agreed to contact all the operations areas in the Diocese of Mandeville to alert them about the container collection and to urge them to send to her their needs. It is hoped that the Committee will learn within the next 60 days what those needs are so that they can be shared with the parishes and schools in our Diocese. This method has worked very well in the past to bring about the collection of goods needed by the Mandeville Diocese.

Efforts were also underway to locate a collection point for the container. It is hoped that the Committee will be able to work with Mr. Ed Ray once again as it did two years ago. A few exploratory calls have been made and are awaiting some response. Dr. and Mrs. Ward have some contact with Mr. Ray from time to time and may be able to make a face-to-face contact with him.

**5. Other Business Committee Members May Wish to Raise:** Father Steve indicated that the Harden County school system sponsors auctions for school related materials including desks about three times a year. It may be possible to obtain a classroom of desks at a greatly reduced priced. These auctions are not well attended and father Steve will be alert to the next one that's available and will let the committee know about it.

Todd indicated he may have some pictures that may be useful in the Ash Wednesday flyer. Richard indicated that January 31, 2020 would be the deadline.

The meeting closed with prayer.

The next scheduled committee meeting was set for June 21, 2020 at 2:00 PM at the MCC Lounge in Owensboro.