

**Mandeville Sister Diocese Committee**  
**Minutes**  
**November 4, 2018**

Present were: Sr. Martha Keller, and Richard Murphy.

It should be noted, that the conference calling mechanism we were using failed in this case. I learned later that our conference number had been hacked. At Conference decided to close the account, without notice to us. The conversation that took place was via cell phone and others had attempted to take part in the conversation, but were unable to get through. This conference connection has been corrected according to our provider and should be available for us in the future. Some abbreviated minutes follow.

Approval of Minutes from the 8-5-18 meeting was postponed until more people could be present to review them.

**Reports/ Discussion**

a. **Ash Wednesday Collection for Mandeville:** The collection for Mandeville for 2018 and the total collected was \$69,213.89. The total sent to them on 6/21/18 was \$63,831.37. The difference represents the 7% that the Diocese is allowed to retain for expenses for items to the container, collection expenses and scholarships for Mission Immersion Trips. The total available from retainage over the last few years is \$12,687.54.

b. **Container Collection Fall 2018:** The Committee spent \$8000 for three playgrounds and three yard toys. Of special note, was that access was made to some Catholic Relief Services money saved over the years in the Diocese to the tune of two-thirds of the amount owed to Kids Around the World from Rockford Illinois. They took care to work out the delivery of the items. The Committee took care of the travel costs for the people that delivered the items in terms of \$278 for gas. We bought 30 pairs of Shoes That Grow in three different sizes and paid \$573 for this purchase.

Ed Ray donated two months of free of rental warehouse space (valued at \$700 per month) at 431 Breckenridge St. We had help from all over the Diocese with donations and about a dozen folks that helped prepare the load, including 6 young men from OCHS that helped actually put the items on the container. Food for the Poor donated the container and had it there on 9-28-18. The load was completed in under 2 hours.

Special Update to minutes: Our Sister Diocese noted that on 11-12-18 the “ container is now in our possession. We are so grateful to... (the Committee)and to the Diocese of Owensboro. We will be going through the items to sort and distribute them to the various schools and ministries. These items are greatly appreciated as always.” This was signed by Theresa Givens, the Bishop’s Secretary.

c. **Mission Immersion Trips for 2018:** St. Stephen parish had planned a trip from 10-6 to 10-12-18. To pull together a team was difficult. I had planned to go but my wife fell and broke her ankle in early September and that prevented me from going. One of the persons going had a son that could go but both needed help with airfare. It was late in the time window and the airfare had jumped in price. The Committee agreed to this assistance. The cost was \$1970.56. The trip went off then without a hitch and the team enjoyed a remarkable trip. One of these folks plans to go back in March 2019.

- d. Recruiting New Members: tabled
- e. Other Business: This item was tabled as well.
- f. Staff report: This item was tabled.

The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Next meeting: 1-15-19 at 2:00 PM here at McRaith Catholic Center.