

Minutes of the St. Thomas Aquinas Human Concerns Committee Meeting - September 19 , 2012

Attendance:

Paul Chestnut, Laura Chiu, Ruth Chippendale, Terry Atkinson

1. Faith-Sharing/Question of the Week

OLD BUSINESS

2. Approval of August minutes

The minutes were approved.

3. Our Congolese Refugees

We discussed their housing issue. Some have moved out of 830 Sherman Oaks. The rest are scheduled to move out October 1.

4. Death Penalty issues - SAFE initiative

A campaign for Proposition 34, the SAFE Initiative, is underway, spearheaded by California People of Faith Working Against the Death Penalty. The campaign is continuing.

6. Soles4Souls status

Soles4Souls® is a shoe charity that collects gently worn shoes and monies to provide shoes to those in need. A drive to collect shoes is scheduled for September 22 and 23. Details of the campaign were discussed. We need more workers to collect and process shoes.

6. November Ballot Issues - League of Women Voters presentation

The League of Women Voters will make a presentation on October 9 as part of the Spirituality Tuesday events. They will discuss all of the ballot issues. Another presentation has been arranged by St. Thomas Merton group for October 7.

NEW BUSINESS

11. What's On Your Mind?

We discussed the request by South Bay Sanctuary to support that group.

12. Volunteer for Faith-sharing/Question of the Week

Next meeting - November 28, 2012. This is a Wednesday. For today's meeting, we decided on a time that is immediately after the SOUP meeting, in hopes that we might attract some new members to stay for our meeting. It did not work.