

# Saint Cecilia Social Justice Minutes

October 17, 2016, 7:00PM, Oscar Romero Room

Present: Barb Moore, Mary Ross, Deacon Ron Smith, Linnea Dolan, Cindy Baughman, Doreen Berg, Julie Haas, Cynthia Shriver

Recorded by: Cynthia Shriver

## I. SAINT CECILIA SOCIAL JUSTICE

- A. Call to Order – Mary called the meeting to order at 7 PM.
- B. Opening prayer – Deacon Ron led the opening prayer, “Prayer Before an Election.”
- C. Welcome, introductions. None.
- D. In-service – Ron led a discussion on human trafficking in Iowa and distributed the US Conference of

Catholic Bishops’ material on Domestic Violence against Women. An excellent discussion followed.

## II. BUSINESS MEETING

- A. September minutes were approved by consensus.
- B. Thank you notes:
  - Story County Dental Clinic – for monthly support
  - Friendship Ark Homes – for \$250
  - MICA – for \$150 to Story County Dental Clinic
- C. New business  
None
- D. Unfinished business
  1. Mission Weekend – Oct. 22/23. Mary reviewed the organizations that will be represented at Mission Weekend.
  2. Save the date- Christmas Market on Nov. 19 & 20. Registration forms will be available in the church office and church website on October 12 with a deadline of November 1. The forms are also on an outside table by the church office. Social Justice’s part is the recycled decorations. Doreen said she has heard from a number of individuals who want to volunteer but more volunteers can be used.
  3. Respect Life and Social Justice: Formation for All: Ron is waiting for a response from Stephen Schmidt regarding the specifics of the program.
  4. Klingseis estate-No new information.
  5. Outreach meals- Mary is waiting to hear from her contact person. She will ask her to work with Jessica directly since it would be a school project.
  6. Home for Awhile – Mary reported that the demand for apartments is still very high.
  5. Days for Girls – Mary passed around a copy of the budget. At the October meeting, there were nine students from the ISU Rotary Club who came to help. The total number of kits finished at the last two meetings was 69.
  7. Need board members or representatives for AMOS, Home for Awhile
  8. Pastoral Council. No new information.
  9. Financial reports – Becca. Monetary Receipts: \$3,859.51, Estimated Value of Food Shelf Contributions: \$565.60, Disbursements: \$4,538.27, Bank Balance as of September 30, 2016: \$78,293.31, Discretionary Funds Available: \$407.53, September FAF budget balance to be paid to FAF in October: \$240.02. October’s Special Allocations: \$250.00 – Habitat for Humanity.
  10. Parishioners’ assistance program.– Sarah and Jarrett formulated some ideas and Father Jim would like the proposal in writing.
  11. Committee reports:
    - a. Good Samaritan Fund/Food Pantry donation: **353.5** pounds in September. *October 15/16– Tom & Dorothy Sally; November 19/20 – Keith & Linda Huls; Dec. 17/18 – Chuck Habing*
    - b. Hunger Collaboration – Need representative.
    - c. Food at First –Doreen attended an October 4 poverty simulation program presented by Ruth Litchfield in the College of Human Sciences, ISU.
    - d. Good Neighbor – Phyllis. The concert will be held on November 6.

- e. Restorative Justice - Barb reported that the Butterfly House has a new resident who despite being on disability is very eager to help out whenever she can. Barb will suggest volunteering at FAF. Mary stated that the Local Foods Team (ISU Extension) and the ISU Landscape Architecture program does plan on building the greenhouse at the Iowa Correctional Institute for Women in Mitchellville .
- f. Individual Assistance – Ron had a busy month. He was able to secure three vehicles for three individuals/families through the generous support of Ames Ford and a number of parishioners. Ames Ford is willing to help Deacon Ron since they respect his ability to vet people and determine their level of need. Thank you God, Deacon Ron, Ames Ford, and anonymous donors.
- g. Emergency Residence Project – Julie stated that the annual audit is scheduled for October 10. Reggies’ Sleep-out, a fund raising event for homelessness, will be held for the first time in Ames on March 25, 2017 at Jack Trice Stadium. Carrie is applying for many grants. Primary Health will provide case management to clients one time per week to meet with shelter residents in order to connect them to resources and housing. ERP is participating in the Community Days fundraiser at Younkers. Julie and Cynthia Lidtke inspected two transitional housing apartments. Board meetings have been changed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 5:45 PM.
- h. AMOS-Need representative.
- i. Gabriel Project – Bethany. No report.
- j. Sanctity of Life – Garland. Committee members received a flier and were informed of the showing of the movie, *Amazing Grace*, on Saturday, October 24, from 7-9 PM in St. Cecilia’s Social Hall. The movie deals with John Newton’s efforts to abolish slavery in England.
- k. Additional Issues-Mary will be doing the newsletter this quarter and ideas and articles should be sent to her. Cindy will be organizing the Giving Tree again this year. With the death of Carlota Gutierrez, Deacon John has found another person in the Hispanic community to assist Cindy with gift planning and distribution.

Prayer/Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned with a prayer.

Prayers and condolences are extended to Jarrett and his family.