

Saint Cecilia Social Justice Minutes

December 19, 2016, 7:00PM, Oscar Romero Room

SAINT CECILIA SOCIAL JUSTICE

- A. Call to Order – Mary called the meeting to order at 7:05. Attending: Ron Smith, Cindy Baughman, Julie Haas, Doreen Berg, Becca Wemhoff, Phyllis Craig, Lynn Franco, Mary Ross.
Recorded by: Mary Ross
- B. Opening prayer – Deacon Ron
- C. Welcome, introductions - none
- D. In-service – Ron showed videos from the Abortion and Adoption presentation to be given on Dec. 28. A discussion followed.

BUSINESS MEETING

- A. November minutes were approved by consensus.
- B. Thank you notes:
 - Story County Dental Clinic – for your wonderful support
 - Orchard Place – personal care items (most donated to Days for Girls, but unusable by DfG)
 - ERP – for your ongoing support
 - Home for Awhile - thanks and request for help (financial, mentoring, referrals)
 - MICA – thanks for food pantry donation; Spotlight on LiHEAP
 - Good Neighbor – thanks and request for donation
- Request for information – Story County Volunteer Center
- Information on Hawk-I - MICA
- Request for donation – Mainstream Living
- Newsletter & request for donation – Heartland Senior Services
- Newsletter - NAMI
- C. New business
 - None
- D. Unfinished business
 - 1. Christmas Market on Nov. 19 & 20. Doreen reported the event was very successful, with the highest total from the recycled decorations. Remaining decorations were donated to the Food at First Pass Along Party and Goodwill.
 - 2. Respect Life and Social Justice formation: Dec. 28; dbqarch.org/rlsj/formation.
<https://www.dbqarch.org/offices/respect-life/respect-life-and-social-justice-formation-for-all/>. The program will begin at St. Cecilia on Dec. 28. It will be led by Deacon Ron.
 - 3. Klingseis estate – No news.
 - 4. Need board member or representatives for AMOS.
 - 5. Pastoral Council - Sarah's report said PC is still working on prioritizing building/renovation projects. That was the significant portion of last meeting. The next step is to have a joint meeting between pastoral council and finance council to discuss budget but nothing is progressing quickly. They discussed the success of the Music Walk.
 - 6. Financial reports – Becca. Monetary receipts: Estimated value of food shelf donations: \$923.20. Disbursements for November and December (combined): \$5905.33. Bank Balance as of November 30, 2016: \$82,199.37. Discretionary funds available: \$1669.04. December's special allocations: Heartland Senior services, \$250; MICA for transportation to the Iowa Food Bank, \$150; YSS for Stork's Nest, \$250. Committee agreed to designate the remainder of Thanksgiving collection (42229) for individual assistance, after \$500 has been subtracted for a possible Harvest of Blessings matching grant. Julie applied for the grant for ERP. She has obtained it twice.
 - 7. Parishioners' assistance – Sarah will meet with Father Jim after Christmas.
 - 9. Committee reports:
 - a. Good Samaritan Fund/Food Pantry donation: 577 pounds in November. *Dec. 17/18 – Tom & Dorothy Sally; January 21/22 - Chuck Habing; February 18/19– Keith & Linda Huls*
 - b. Hunger Collaboration – Doreen hopes to attend the next meeting when Marlene notifies her about it.
 - c. Food at First –Doreen. The Pass-Along Party was very successful, with approximately 90 people shopping for (donated) gifts.
 - d. Good Neighbor – Phyllis. Good Neighbor will have its 20 anniversary celebration in April. They will not have a Dublin Bay fundraiser next year.
 - e. Restorative Justice - Barb. No report.

- f. Individual Assistance – Ron has had many requests for assistance. One family we have been helping has finally been granted disability. The refugee we have helped to support is employed.
- g. Emergency Residence Project – Julie reported that the shelter has been averaging 10-11 clients per night with an average of four motel rooms per night. The dining room ceiling fell; Carrie is getting estimates for redoing the upstairs shower. The city paid the remainder of a \$28,000 grant from ASSET. Carrie is developing a shelter policing handbook (required for a grant beginning Jan. 1). Carrie wants more procedures/policies regarding cleanliness and hygiene, terminating shelter, length of stays, and service animals. ERP needs volunteers in the afternoon/early evening hours. A volunteer will offer haircuts weekly. There will be two interns in the spring. A plan for a less-expensive backyard renovation was presented by Jim Mason.
- h. AMOS. Meeting was on Dec. 12.
- i. Gabriel Project – Bethany. No report.
- j. Sanctity of Life – Garland’s report mentioned the Right to Life and Social Justice program, as well as tentative plans for March. The March for Life in DSM has been cancelled, but a special Mass will be held. Details are in the bulletin.
- k. Home for Awhile – Mary. Demand exceeds supply with many applying who need much assistance.
- l. Days for Girls – Mary. We continue to see new interest and the program has a good group of volunteers.

There was a short discussion about topics for the February Social Justice newsletter, possibly with an article on the Giving Tree.

D. Prayer/Adjournment