

Saint Cecilia Social Justice Minutes

September 11, 2017, 7:00PM, Oscar Romero Room

Present: Mary Ross, Deacon Charles Bernhard, Deacon Ron Smith, Julie Haas, Doreen Berg, Jarrett Wendt, Sarah Swanson, Linda Hansen, Cynthia Shriver

Recorded by: Cynthia Shriver

SAINT CECILIA SOCIAL JUSTICE

- A. Call to Order. Mary called the meeting to order.
- B. Opening prayer. Ron led the opening prayer.
- C. Welcome, introductions. Linda Hansen from Primary Health Care was introduced.
- D. In-servicing. Linda Hansen presented an overview of the history and workings of the Primary Health Care clinic in Ames. Services include but are not limited to Behavior Health, Family Practice, Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Pediatrics.

BUSINESS MEETING

- A. August minutes. The August minutes were approved by consensus.
- B. Correspondence: None
- C. New business
 1. Mittens – Anne Kohler offered to donate woolen mittens which will be sold at the Christmas Market as a fundraiser for Social Justice.
- D. Old business
 1. Ames Crop Hunger Walk. The Hunger Walk is October 8. Information will be in the bulletin this week. St. Cecilia's 4th and 5th grades anticipate participating. Robin Fletcher, 4th grade teacher, is coordinating the school's involvement.
 2. Story County Housing Trust. The \$2,000 that was approved by consensus last month will come out of the \$20,000.00 anonymous donation given to Social Justice.
 3. Respect Life and Social Justice formation. dbqarch.org/rlsj/formation.
<https://www.dbqarch.org/offices/respect-life/respect-life-and-social-justice-formation-for-all/>
 4. Klingseis estate. No new information
 5. AMOS. Meeting on Sept. 11. Nancy Heideman volunteered to represent St. Cecilia.
 6. Pastoral Council – Sarah reported that new members of the council are being familiarized with the workings of the council.
 7. Financial reports; Budget – Doreen. Financial reports. Doreen presented the financial reports for May, June, July, August, and September of 2017. For September: Monetary Receipts: \$3,332.11, Estimated Value of Food Shelf Contributions: \$638.40, Disbursements: \$5,322.83, Bank Balance as of August 1, 2017: \$75,176.32. Discretionary Funds Available: \$4,639.73, October's Special Allocation: Habitat for Humanity, \$250.00.
In the proposed 2017-2018 budget, the historical \$250.00 FAF monthly allocation is split into two components. \$200.00 is donated monthly to FAF and \$50.00 is the chef's monthly food budget.
Please refer to the financial reports for May, June, July, and August for more information.

By consensus, it was agreed to give \$1,000.00 to Individual Assistance out of Discretionary Funds.

By consensus, our monthly donation to Primary Care will be increased from \$100.00 to \$175.00 and our monthly donation to Story County Dental Clinic will also be increased from \$150.00 to \$175.00 in the 2017-2018 budget.

Mary will check with MICA to determine whether our monthly donation is being used for transportation. Julie will check with the Wellsprings Mission to determine whether it is possible to continue their work in South Sudan.

8. Parishioners' assistance – Sarah and Jarrett. No new information.
9. Committee reports:
 - a. Good Samaritan Fund/Food Pantry donation. **399 pounds in August.**
 - b. Hunger Collaboration. Doreen. Everything is going well.
 - c. Food at First. Doreen will participate in the ISU Poverty Simulation on Oct. 3.
 - d. Good Neighbor. Phyllis. (by Mary) St. Cecilia will host the annual Good Neighbor Concert on Nov. 5. Volunteers will be needed.
 - e. Restorative Justice. Barb. No new information.
 - f. Individual Assistance. Ron continues to assist those in need.
 - g. Emergency Residence Project. Julie. The Board will meet September 19. The backyard renovation is continuing to make progress in several areas. There will be an Open House possibly on October 20. The fall strategic planning meeting will be on Saturday, September 16 in the Oscar Romero room from 8:30 am to 4 pm.
 - h. Sanctity of Life. Garland. Minutes of the September 10 meeting were distributed. October is Respect Life Month and several possible events are being considered.
 - i. Home for Awhile. Mary. Letters are being sent to congregations asking for additional funding.
 - j. Days for Girls. Mary reported that activities are going very well.
- E. Additional concerns
- F. Prayer/Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned with a prayer.