

Saint Cecilia Social Justice Minutes

April 22, 2019, 7:00PM, St. Louis Room

Present: Jarred Wendt, Doreen Berg, Julie Haas, Deacon Ron Smith, John Wilson, Charlie Weber, Jean Boot, Sarah Swanson, Barb Moore, Jason Paull, Cynthia Shriver (recorder)

- A. Call to Order – Doreen called the meeting to order at 7 PM.
- B. Opening prayer – Ron led the opening prayer.
- C. Welcome & Introductions were made.
- D. Guest– Jason Paull, Emergency Residence Project. Jason, board chairman, provided committee members with an excellent description of the current offerings of the program as well as plans for future expansion.

BUSINESS MEETING

A. MINUTES

1. March Draft Minutes – Cynthia. **Minutes were approved by consensus.**

B. CORRESPONDENCE:– Thank you – MICA, Primary Health Care, Story County Dental; Newsletter-NAMI, Wellspring Missions

C. FINANCIALS - Jean

1. March Financial Report-Jean. March 1 Beginning Balance: \$66,080.47, Monetary receipts in March: \$3,258.67, Expenditures: \$3,710.78, March 31 Ending Balance: \$65,628.36. Discretionary Funds: \$8,307.06, April Special Allocations: Boys and Girls Club-\$250.00
2. Klingseis Estate Earmarked Funds. A financial history of the Klingseis Estate was included in the committee's packet.
3. Discretionary Funds. No action taken.
4. 2019-2020 Budget Preparation. There was some discussion but no decisions were made.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Pastoral Council – Sarah. No new information.
2. Parish Strategic Plan. The social justice portion of the Parish Strategic Plan was reviewed. The Sister Water Project should serve as this year's parish-wide activity.
3. Rice Bowl – Cynthia. Preliminary totals will be known after the week of May 4/5.
4. Martha's House of Hope – Doreen. An executive director has been hired, Missy Sanow. She begins May 1. (Written report is available).

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Advocacy/Publicity - Lynn
 - *Quarterly Newsletter – May 18/19. Please send any ideas for the newsletter to Lynn.
 - *Bulletin Boards. Lynn changed out the material on the bulletin board in the Narthex.
2. Respect Life and Social Justice Formation - Ron
<https://www.dbqarch.org/offices/respect-life/respect-life-and-social-justice-formation-for-all/>
No new information.
3. Committee reports:
 - a. Climate Action Team (CAT) – John. Although the city's solar panel project is still alive, the city has not reached its goal of 80% commitment of intent. The SJ committee would support a parish-wide informational meeting with a guest speaker to encourage participation in the program. STC has signed a letter of intent to purchase 65 solar panels. Funding needs to be determined. (Written report available).
 - b. AMOS – Kathy Wipf. AMOS will be hosting a fund raiser on Friday, June 28, at 7 PM, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Ames. Currently, STC is giving \$1,000 to AMOS annually. (Written report available).
 - c. Community ID Program – Nancy. The March 30 event held at STC was well attended. One hundred and one I.D.'s were provided to individuals who had the appropriate documents. A second event will be held at STC on Saturday, May 11. It was suggested that the I.D. information be provided in English and Spanish.
 - d. Ames Interfaith Refugee Alliance – Nancy. Please see 3c.
 - e. Good Samaritan - Lynn
 - * March food pantry donation – 512 pounds – Tom and Dorothy Sally
 - * April envelopes, cart – Lynn and Terry Franco * April food transfer – Tina Richard
 - f. Hunger Collaboration – Doreen provided committee members with copies of the February 21 and March 21 meetings. Highlights included discussing the food pantry survey which will be offered in English and Spanish and reviewing the data that ISUCyBIZ lab students will use when making recommendations to the Collaboration regarding improved communication with the community. (Written report available).

- g. Food at First –Julie. March average meals per day = 64.5.
 - h. Good Neighbor – Charlie. Highlights include: a new volunteer Volunteer Coordinator position will be implemented, there will be a Good Neighbor choral fundraiser on May 5 at 2 PM at Northminster Presbyterian Church, and GN is now using Charity Tracker, an online client database that will be used by all collaborating agencies in Ames. (Written report available).
 - i. Restorative Justice - Barb/Ron. Attendance at the Saturday meetings has been sporadic the last few weeks. Two more individuals have registered as jail ministers.
 - *Butterfly House – Barb. Two new girls are expected at the Butterfly House. Barb has been asked to facilitate another mentor training group.
 - *Matthew 25 House – Ron. No new information.
 - j. Individual Assistance – Ron. Hansen Sinclair closed at the end of March and until new arrangements can be made, Ron is providing gift cards as a way to provide gas assistance.
 - k. Emergency Residence Project – Julie. Carrie is preparing to transition out as director. The Search Committee has received 16 applications for the position. Work continues on the Regional Coordinated Entry program and will focus on getting access points operational in Boone, Marshall, Hardin, and Greene counties. Two individuals from STC have joined the Board, Ben Kellen and John Dalhoff. (Written report available).
 - l. Sanctity of Life – Garland. Highlights included in the minutes of the April 14 meeting were: Bambi Schrader of Four/Oaks/Youth and Shelter services spoke at the Foster Child Orientation meeting, Missy Sanow and Carol Nelson presented an update on Martha’s House of Hope, and a carnation sale is being planned for Mother’s Day weekend with proceeds going to Martha’s House. (Written report available).
 - m. Home for Awhile – Mary. In March, a divorced dad with shared custody received the open apartment. (Written report available).
 - n. Days for Girls – Mary. Ames Days for Girls is hosting ~200 women from the Presbyterian Synod of the Lakes and Plains. The Ames group will serve as the hands-on service project, conducting eight one-hour sessions on June 21 and June 22. (Written report available).
4. Additional concerns. Ron encouraged us to see the movies *Breakthrough* and *Unplanned*.

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