

Saint Cecilia Social Justice Minutes

July 20, 2015, 7:00PM, Sunroom

Present: Becca Wemhoff, Lynn Franco, Milla Charles, Marlene Weishaar, Dawn Aitchison, Todd Clancy, Doreen Berg, Deacon Alan Christy, Julie Haas, Mary Ross, Deacon Ron Smith, Barb Moore, Cynthia Shriver
Recorded by: Cynthia Shriver

SAINT CECILIA SOCIAL JUSTICE

- A. Call to Order – Mary called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- B. Opening prayer – Ron led the opening prayer.
- C. Welcome, introductions
- D. In-Service - Ron

I. BUSINESS MEETING

- A. June minutes. The minutes were approved by consensus.

- B. Correspondence:

Thank you – Home for Awhile

Request for donation – Priests for Life

- C. New Business

Gabriel Project – request for funding. There is a request from the Gabriel Project to help fund bus ads. They would like to do it for an entire year. Our committee is wondering if starting smaller and assessing the ads impact would be doable and useful. (Transit Advertising suggests yearlong ads for maximum effect). Becca reminded us that Sanctity of Life does have a small amount of money in the SJ account. Barb Moore agreed to check on transferring it all to the Gabriel Project.

It was decided by consensus that the SJ Committee donate \$250.00 to the Gabriel Project for help with the bus ads.

Black bag collection – July change. Since the Saturday, July 18, Mass had to be cancelled, the black bag collection, which was to occur at that Mass, will be taken July 25.

- D. Unfinished business

1. Klingseis estate. The one-time \$5,500.00 we donated to Home for Awhile, has temporarily been taken out of the SJ account. When the Kingseis estate money becomes available, the SJ account will be reimbursed. Alan reported that he has been in conversation with several individuals regarding the construction of low cost housing in Ames. Alan said that the demolition of the house, north of ERP, would be very expensive, residents would lose the playground, and a new building would result in only one additional unit. Until more is known about the future usage of the three lots on 6th Street, across from City Hall, and the old middle school property on State Ave, it will be difficult to make a good decision on using the money for affordable housing. Alan proposed an alternative use of the money home, building another house for Friendship Ark. Discussions are on-going.
2. Sister Parish - Dawn. Several issues were discussed.
 - a. It is Dawn and Todd's belief that whoever is in charge of the sister parish in Nicaragua would need to go there at least once a year. Priests as well as other things change and it would be imperative to keep track of the situation. Long distance communication is almost impossible.
 - b. The contact people in Nicaragua are associated with Regnum Christi. Presently, there is no apostolate in our diocese and, to our knowledge, our new archbishop has not been approached on the subject regarding his views on the group.
 - c. The question remains as to whether Dawn's name can be associated with One Heart Mission and the sister parish without affecting the church's liability status.
 - d. Dawn will be traveling to Nicaragua soon and will be visiting Divino Nino. Any financial help the SJ committee could give would be appreciated. Since Dawn mentioned that one of her goals was to provide food for the teachers, Becca suggested and **the committee agreed by consensus to give the Holy Thursday collection (\$627.00) to Dawn for the above purpose.**
3. Home for Awhile – Mary. Video made at Cornerstone. Interviews on June 30. Mary was (very reluctantly) in a video made about the project.
4. Days for Girls – Mary. Donations and cabinet. It was brought to our attention that, since Days for Girls cannot be classified as a parish committee, we will need to provide proof to the parish office that Days for Girls does have liability insurance. Mary will check on

this.

5. Need board members or representatives for AMOS, Home for Awhile.
6. Pastoral Council – Todd will be moving from Ames. We reluctantly bid farewell to him. We wish him and his family the best of everything. Thank you, Todd, for your many invaluable contributions to this committee.
7. Financial reports; Budget – Financial reports. Becca. Monetary Receipts: \$3,537.66, Estimated Value of Food Shelf Contributions: \$616.60, Disbursements: \$9,036.77, Bank Balance as June 30, 2015: \$8,354.44, Discretionary Funds Available: \$1,174.91, May and June FAF budget balances to be paid to FAF in July: \$275.22 and \$265.43 respectively. Becca provided graphs representing MICA's Monthly Food Weights and SJ's Monthly Receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 as well as for previous years. Additional graphs included Christmas Decoration receipts and Rice Bowl collections from 2008 to 2015. A complete, detailed monthly accounting for the fiscal year was also distributed.

Becca presented a preliminary budget for 2015-16. It included a month by month distribution of funds as well as anticipated revenue. The budget for this coming fiscal year was increased only slightly since contributions for several months last year did not make budget. **The 2015-2016 budget was approved by consensus.**

8. Committee reports
 - a. Good Samaritan Fund/Food Pantry donation: **386** pounds in June; **July 19/25** – *Keith and Linda Huls*; **August 15/16** – *Sally Tracy & family* Lynn will take care of any problems associated with the date switch for the Saturday Mass cancellation.
 - b. Hunger Coalition – Marlene reported that AMOS is looking at how to alleviate the stigma of using food distribution sites. The Coalition is currently making a display listing food sources in Story County. The realization of the Salvation Army's plan on purchasing a food bus is several years away.
 - c. Food at First – Doreen, Cynthia, Julie, Cindy. Doreen is now a board member. She reported that St. Cecilia's head chefs met two weeks ago and discussed procedures. FAF still needs head chefs and a distinction needs to be made between head chefs and food preparers. The idea of a volunteer hostess was discussed as well as a plan to address covering the 5th Tuesdays of a month. Currently, Julie is doing all of the 5th Tuesdays.
 - d. Good Neighbor - Doreen. Phyllis Craig is the new board member. The GN office is now a Raising Readers site.
 - e. Restorative Justice - Ron, Barb. The Story County prison ministry is looking good for volunteers. Barb has attended bible studies at the Butterfly House. (Tuesdays, 6:00 AM!) The individual who owns the home and provides it rent free wants to do something else with the structure if the residence cannot be kept full.
 - f. Individual Assistance – Ron. Need is there. The money is not.
 - g. Emergency Residence Project – Julie reported that they will be meeting tomorrow. Max Rothshield has taken over as treasurer.
 - h. AMOS. No report.
 - i. Gabriel Project - Bethany. The project is seeking a new coordinator. The minutes are included in Mary's handout.
 - j. Sanctity of Life -Garland. *Minutes SOHL 7-12-15. Garland+ Bethany Dahlke, Jim & Rosemary Wilson, John Greenwood, Marilyn Krocheski. Went through material and video for Natural Family Planning and plan for upcoming nfp week. Started looking ahead at the ivf material the usccb has and thinking of what needs to be done with this subject.*
 - k. Additional issues. Mary reported that the SJ committee is signed up for the Ministry Fair on August 29th. Since she will be out of town, she asked if anyone was interested in being at the booth. If committee members want any of their project brochures at the table, please email Mary. Julie offered to supervise both Home Bound and SJ if the booths were next to each other. Anyone who has articles for the August SJ newsletter should email Lynn.
- E. Prayer/Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM with a prayer.

Saint Cecilia's Church/Social Justice Committee - Budget by Month - for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2016

NATIONAL	Bal Fwd	PROPOSED BUDGET												FY2016	FY2015	CY2014	CY2013	CY2012	CY2011	CY2010	15-16 \$ change
		Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget		
Butterfly Freedom House		175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	2,100	1,200	1,200	1,200	-	-	-	900
Emergency Residence Project		900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	10,800	10,800	10,800	9,600	8,400	7,200	7,200	
Food At First	540.65	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600	4,500	4,500	4,800	
Good Neighbor		700	700	700	700	700	700	700	700	700	700	700	700	8,400	8,400	8,400	8,400	8,400	8,400	8,400	
Home for Awhile		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	-	
Matthew 25 House		175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	2,100	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	(300)
Primary Health Care		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	1,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,200
St. Cecilia Individual Assistance	0.00	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	4,200	3,600	3,600	3,600	2,940	1,440	1,160	600
Story County Dental Clinic (MICA)		150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,200	1,200	1,200	
<i>dropped</i>														2,550	0	-	510	2,040	2,040	FMC/MICA	
Appalachia Committee, Inc.					275							275		550	500	500	500	500	500	-	50
Birthing		275										275		550	500	500	500	500	500	200	50
Catholic Charities				275						275				550	500	500	500	500	500	300	50
Giving Tree Gifts						500								500	500	500	-	-	-	-	
St. Cecilia Youth Missions	1,125.00											750		750	750	750	750	750	750	1,000	
<i>dropped</i>														90	0	75	50	50	50	Prison Minist	
ACCESS								250						250	250	250	250	250	250	400	
Ames Ecumenical Housing Council										250				250	250	250	250	-	-	-	
AMOS										50		850		900	900	900	800	550	500	-	
Boys & Girls Club											250			250	250	250	250	250	100		
Days for Girls												300		300	-	-	-	-	-	-	300
Friendship Arc			250											250	250	250	250	250	250	300	
Habitat for Humanity					250									250	250	250	250	250	250	500	
Heartland Senior Services						250								250	250	250	250	250	250	300	
MICA (transportation)			150				150							300	450	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	
National Alliance on Mental Illness										250				250	250	250	250	250	250	300	
Story County Community Housing											250			250	250	-	-	-	-	-	
Youth & Shelter Services							250							250	250	250	250	250	250	250	
<i>dropped</i>														-	450	200	200	200	200		
<i>Subtotal - National</i>		3,225	3,350	3,225	3,475	3,700	3,350	3,475	3,200	3,525	3,475	3,200	4,850	42,050	41,990	41,740	40,575	38,050	36,480	34,950	60
INTERNATIONAL																					
Wellspring Missions			750											750	750	750	750	750	1,500	-	
Central American Mission												530		530	500	100	100	-	-	-	30
FINCA								100						100	100	920	920	920	840	-	
Haiti Fund (Holy Family Cluster) (1 teacher/3 students)				920										920	920	500	-	-	-	-	
Save the Rain										750				750	750	750	750	750	-	-	
<i>dropped</i>																			3,100		
<i>Subtotal - International</i>		-	750	920	-	-	-	100	750	-	-	-	530	3,050	3,020	3,020	2,520	2,420	2,340	3,100	30
Good Samaritan Disbursements		3,225	4,100	4,145	3,475	3,700	3,350	3,575	3,950	3,525	3,475	3,200	5,380	45,100	45,010	44,760	43,095	40,470	38,820	38,050	90
Good Samaritan Receipts		3,300	3,300	3,700	3,700	4,300	4,800	3,700	3,700	3,900	3,700	3,500	3,500	45,100	45,010	44,760	43,095	40,980	38,820	38,050	90
<i>yearly change</i>													0.6%	+0.6%	+3.9%	+6.5%	+4.3%	+2.0%			
Budgeted Receipts		3,675	3,675	3,675	3,675	3,675	4,585	3,675	3,675	3,675	3,675	3,675	3,675	45,010	43,995	43,095					
Actual Receipts		3,195	3,144	3,774	3,479	5,230	5,010	3,995	3,563	3,911	4,025	3,720	3,538	46,584	45,942	47,011					
		(480)	(531)	99	(196)	1,555	425	320	(112)	236	350	45	(137)	1,574	1,947	3,916					

Notes: NATIONAL category is separated into the regular monthly payments, the services that are particularly Catholic, and the other local agencies. We give roughly \$250 each local agency and double that to the Catholic ones. Those amounts in the June category can be considered "at-will" requests; we pay them when needed, not on any particular monthly schedule.

Year	Nat/Intl	Prior Budget	Change	Freq	New Budget	Total New	Total Change	Yr New Total	Advocate Notes
FY2016									proportion income according to season (March=Easter)
FY2016	I	Central An	\$500	\$30	yearly	\$530	\$500	\$30	\$530
FY2016	N	St. C Indiv	\$300	\$50	monthly	\$350	\$3,600	\$600	\$4,200
FY2016	N	Good Neig	\$700	\$0	monthly	\$700	\$8,400	\$0	\$8,400
FY2016	N	most Cath	\$500	\$50	yearly	\$550	\$500	\$50	\$550
FY2016	N	Days for G	\$0	\$300	yearly	\$300	\$0	\$300	\$300
FY2016	N	Backpack	\$0	\$0	yearly	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY2016	N	Prison Min	\$90	(\$90)	yearly	\$0	\$90	(\$90)	\$0
FY2015	N	MICA (trar	\$150	(\$150)	monthly	\$300	\$450	(\$1,500)	\$300
FY2015	N	Primary Health Care	\$100		monthly	\$100	\$0	\$1,200	\$1,200