

Saint Cecilia Social Justice Draft Minutes

December 21, 2015, 7:00PM, Sunroom

Present: Doreen Berg, Marlene Weishaar, Julie Haas, Becca Wemhoff, Mary Ross, Sarah Swanson, Cindy Baughman, Ron Smith, 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.
- C. Welcome, introductions. None.
- D. In-Service. Ron distributed information from the Archdiocese website and the Catholic Bishops website on the Corporal Works of Mercy. It is hoped that there could be bulletin announcements which would inspire action.

II. BUSINESS MEETING

- A. November minutes. **The minutes were accepted by consensus with the following addition. D, 10f, 13...come out of discretionary funds. The committee agreed to support the individual for Eight months at \$400 per month.**

B. Correspondence:

Thank you –

- MICA – Food pantry; Dental Clinic (\$150)
- Heartland Senior Services - \$250.00
- Primary Health Care - \$100
- Good Neighbor – for Christmas Market donation
- One Heart Catholic Missions; Nicaragua Mission Team
- ERP - to *Shari Reilly* and SJ Committee
- Appalachia Committee – for \$250 (newsletter enclosed)

Request for Donation - Pax Christi

Newsletter- NAMI – Oct & Dec.

C. New business

None

D. Unfinished business

1. Christmas Market – \$846.28. We again, had a successful Christmas Market. It was felt that the Market and the breakfast complimented each other well.
2. Klingseis estate. No new information.
3. Sister Parish – Glenmary Missions; looking for leadership. We are still looking for someone to take a leadership role. Sarah has some possibilities for different roles but not leadership. It was suggested that we talk to Father Jim and also put a request in to the bulletin.*
4. Home for Awhile – Mary reported that the apartments are full. There were seven applicants for the last open apartment.
5. Days for Girls – Cornerstone- Mary. Carol Helland came and led the November 29 meeting at Cornerstone. It is still unknown whether Cornerstone will form its own sewing group.
6. Giving Tree. Cindy and Ron reported. The program was very successful. 394 gift tags were put out which included 72 requests for gift cards. Between Ron and Carlotta, 34 parish families were helped which included 54 children and 17 adults. This is in addition to the outside organizations that were helped.
7. Need board member or representative for AMOS
8. Pastoral Council. Sarah. Our committee felt that we are already fulfilling the Council's suggestion that we adopt a family since we are supporting the individual from the Ivory Coast.
9. Financial report – Becca. Monetary Receipts: \$4 677.69, Estimated Value of Food Shelf Contributions: \$763.20, Disbursements: \$54,544.39, Bank Balance as of November 30, 2016: \$64,678.59, Discretionary Funds Available: \$3,867.09, November FAF budget balance to be paid to FAF in December: \$300.00. December's Special Allocations: \$250.00 - YSS (Stork's Nest), \$250.00-MICA. **By consensus, the committee agreed to give the Thanksgiving collection (\$974.54) to Individual Assistance.**

10. Committee reports:

- a. Good Samaritan Fund/Food Pantry donation: **477** pounds in November. *Dec. 19/20 – Tom & Dorothy Sally; Jan. 16/17 – Chuck Habing*
- b. Hunger Coalition – Marlene. Hunger statistics for the county can be found at feedingamerica.org
- c. Food at First –Doreen. Everything is going well. There was a very large donation from the high school's Key Club. Preparation for the Christmas dinner is proceeding with no problems.
- d. Good Neighbor – Phyllis. No report.
- e. Restorative Justice – Barb. (report by email) The Prison/Jail ministry has been slow but last week there were two sessions of individuals. Butterfly House now has a House Mother and two residents, one of whom is Catholic and has been going to church with Barb and Mark.
- f. Individual Assistance – Ron stated that he appreciates the generosity of the parish. He reported that Shari, at St. Thomas (STA) told him that STA will take care of the rent for the individual from the Ivory Coast and hopes to do more.
- g. Emergency Residence Project – Julie reported that the Board is ready to help distribute the influx of things coming in during the holidays. Vic is working on the original house. He has \$5,000.00 from the ERP Board for Maintenance. **Julie asked and received, by consensus, \$2,600.00 from the committee to be used for maintenance issues at ERP.** The money will come out of the Klingseis estate.
- h. AMOS. Need Representative.
- i. Gabriel Project – Bethany. No report.
- j. Sanctity of Life – Garland. Mary reported on the December 13 minutes of the Sanctity of Life minutes. The meeting addressed the scheduling of the Blessing of Mothers event, the March for Life in Des Moines, the Natural Family Planning session and the “Gimme Shelter “movie. Please see the minutes of the meeting for more details.
- k. Additional issues. Doreen brought up the Harmony Closet in Nevada that is opened on Monday nights and Saturday mornings. They carry both children and adult clothing and it is free. If you have items you want to donate, bring them in during open hours. Cindy mentioned that the Backpack Buddies program no longer needs the large storage cabinet in the Sunroom. Jean Kresse will need to be consulted to see if the cabinet can be given to Days for Girls. There may be some tax issues. The January meeting of the SJ committee is cancelled.

D. Prayer/Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM with a prayer.

*We still do not have anyone interested in taking the leadership role, even though the request has appeared in the bulletin several times. Mary has also sent out emails to to SJ committee members asking them for suggestions. There were none.