

Saint Cecilia Social Justice Minutes

June 20, 2016, 7:00PM, Sunroom

Present: Deacon Ron Smith, Doreen Berg, Julie Haas, Mary Ross, Sarah Swanson, Awein Majak

Recorded by: Mary Ross

I. SAINT CECILIA SOCIAL JUSTICE

- A. Call to Order – Mary called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- B. Opening prayer – Deacon Ron led the opening prayer for migrants and refugees.
- C. Welcome, introductions.
- D. Awein Majak gave a presentation on “Save the Next Generations,” her work with orphans in South Sudan. She needs \$7,000-\$8000 for the first phase of her project. The committee will do research on the project and discuss it next month.

II. BUSINESS MEETING

- A. May minutes were approved by consensus with two changes.
- B. Correspondence

Thank you notes:

- MICA – two for Dental Clinic (5/13 and 6/3) and note from Suzy Shierholz (Advisory Board)

C. New business - None

D. Unfinished business

1. Klingseis estate. No new information.
2. Sister Parish. No new information.
3. Home for Awhile. Mary reported that Home for Awhile has many applications. Committee members discussed the possibility that the closure of a mobile home park has affected that.
4. Days for Girls – Mary. Mary reported an afternoon sewing group is being set up.
5. Need board members or representatives for AMOS, Home for Awhile – Sarah will pursue finding a volunteer for AMOS.
6. Pastoral Council – Sarah said Pastoral Council requested more information on the responsibilities of the Christmas Market chairs. Mary will send that information to Sarah. Sarah also reported that Pastoral Council discussed facilities, including a new roof and other remodeling.
7. Financial reports – Becca. No report
8. Committee reports:
 - a. Good Samaritan Fund/Food Pantry donation: **489** pounds in June. Mary will continue to ask for lector announcements the week before, since that may have helped with the increase. *June 18/19 – Tom & Dorothy Sally; July 16/17 - Keith & Linda Huls*
 - b. Hunger Collaboration – Marlene. Marlene sent a written report on the answers to questions posed to the Hunger Collaboration. A display board is available for groups to use and St. Cecilia will try to use that in the future.
 - c. Food at First –Doreen. The FAF Volunteer Appreciation Event on June 18 was well-attended. A grant will be used to purchase an energy-efficient freezer in the cook’s kitchen.
 - d. Good Neighbor – Phyllis. No report.
 - e. Restorative Justice – Barb sent a written report. There are currently no clients in the Butterfly house, but the parole board is meeting with clients soon. Saturday meeting attendance at Story County jail varies. Deacon Ron did a mentor training, with a good number of participants. Barb said Deacon Ron does a great job.
 - f. Individual Assistance – Ron reported on several families that were helped. Doreen reported on the assistance given to a family; an air conditioner was installed. The family did request bids from other vendors. Doreen also inquired about programs to help them with their car. Ames Lincoln Ford worked with them on getting a vehicle large enough to transport their disabled child. The committee appreciates all the work Doreen did on this and the family has expressed their gratitude.
 - g. Emergency Residence Project – Julie. Carrie Dunnwald has been hired as the new director. She will start on August 8. Julie felt her qualifications were very good. ERP has an increase in requests for help. Clients are being limited to one week in motel housing because of that increase.
 - h. AMOS. No report.
 - i. Gabriel Project – Bethany. No report.
 - j. Sanctity of Life – Garland. No report.

E. Additional issues. There was a discussion on helping people and doing the right thing.

F. Prayer/Adjournment- Ron distributed information on refugees in Iowa. (June 20 is World Refugee Day.) The meeting was adjourned with the *Memorare* at 8:30 PM.