

Saint Cecilia Social Justice Minutes

October 16, 2017, 7:00PM, Oscar Romero Room

Present: Mary Ross, Deacon Charles Bernhard, Deacon Ron Smith, Julie Haas, Doreen Berg, Barb Moore, Phyllis Craig, Jean Boot, Nancy Heideman, 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 asking for our petitions surrounding "respect life".
- C. Welcome & introductions. Jean Boot and Nancy Heideman were introduced. Nancy will be STC's representative to AMOS. Jean is our new treasurer. Welcome, Jean and Nancy.

BUSINESS MEETING

- A. September minutes. The September minutes were amended to reflect changes made in the September treasurer's report. Financial Report: A7, 14 Disbursements, \$5,322.83 Bank Balance, \$75,176.32, Discretionary Funds, \$4,639.73. Also under Business Meeting: D5 11, Nancy Heideman volunteered to be STC's representative to AMOS. The changes were approved by consensus.

- B. Correspondence:

Thank you notes:

- MICA- for food pantry donations; MICA provided 363 families with food boxes in August and 345 families with food boxes in September.
- ERP – Invitation to Open House on Oct. 21, 1-3pm, 225 Kellogg Ave. – RSVP by October 13 @ amesshelter.org/RSVP
- MICA- for \$150 donation to Story County Dental Clinic
- Friendship Ark – for \$250 donation
- Wellspring Missions – for \$750 donation (going to So. Sudan the first week in Nov.)

Newsletter:

- NAMI – October newsletter

- C. New business

Trunk or Treat – Oct. 22 – Invitation to participate from Jessica Loecke

- D. Old business

1. Ames Crop Hunger Walk. Two teachers and six children participated.
2. Story County Housing Trust. No new information.
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. There will be a clarification in the newsletter that the money donated to Friendship Ark came from the Klingseis through the SJ Committee. An email with photos was sent by Deacon Alan to SJ committee members highlighting the building of the new home.
5. AMOS - Assembly on Oct. 23. DACA dinner. Nancy would like at least two more individuals (prefer five) to attend the Oct. 23 meeting at Bethesda Lutheran. Most congregations have a core group working on all things AMOS. STC has not formed one yet. Mary and Doreen will be attending the meeting.
6. Pastoral Council. No new information.
7. Financial reports & budget – Doreen presented the financial report for September. Monetary Receipts: \$3,605.32, Estimated Value of Food Shelf Contributions: \$398.00, Disbursements: \$5,586.91, Bank Balance as of September 1, 2017: \$73, 194.73, Discretionary Funds Available: \$3,672.88, October's Special Allocations Habitat for Humanity: \$250.00.
8. Parishioners' assistance. No new information.
9. Committee reports:
 - a. Good Samaritan Fund/Food Pantry donation: **249 pounds in September** MICA called the office recently to inform us of what items are needed at the food shelf.

- b. Hunger Collaboration. Doreen provided minutes for the Oct. 5 meeting. Please check with Doreen for additional information.
 - c. Food at First. Doreen announced that the Pass-Along Party for the holidays will be held again this year. The date is To Be Determined.
 - d. Good Neighbor. The Combined Choir Concert will be held at STC on Sunday, Nov. 5 from 2-4 PM. Phyllis is looking for volunteers to help from both STC and the GN Board.
 - e. Restorative Justice. Barb reported that all is going well. It is unfortunate that the Saturday service cannot be held on ISU football home weekends due to a lack of space caused by more than usual arrests.
There are currently two residents at Butterfly House and more women are being interviewed. There is still no house mother so board members are taking turns staying overnight at the house.
 - f. Individual Assistance. Ron reported that so far, there is not as much activity in October as usual.
 - g. Emergency Residence Project. Julie reported. The shelter stays relatively full and Carrie is attempting to do more shelter diversity. Shelter diversity is helping people seeking shelter to identify immediate housing arrangements and when necessary connecting them with services and financial assistance to help them return to permanent housing. The shelter is improving tracking of turn-aways and diverted referrals. An Emergency Solutions grant of \$113,000.00 was received. A strategic planning meeting was held on September 16 and a follow up meeting will be on November 21.
 - h. Sanctity of Life. Please see the minutes sent by Garland.
 - i. Home for Awhile. Mary reported that two or three individuals have not shown up for interviews which is unusual.
 - j. Days for Girls. Mary said that approximately 10 individuals from the ISU Rotaract Club will be coming to the meeting. Approximately 2,000 kits have been made by the STC group.
- E. Additional concerns. 1. Doreen announced that November 1 is the deadline for applying to participate in the Christmas Market to be held November 18, 19. The date is also the feast day of St. Cecilia. Items can be stored in the Social Hall one week prior to the market. Breakfast will be provided on the 19th by members of the 5th grade class. Doreen asked for volunteers to help with set-up on Friday afternoon and during the week if items need to be moved from the Social Hall if it is needed (e.g. funeral) for something else. The sale of the mittens will be at a separate table from any of the recycled decorations. 2. Greg Brown is willing to come and speak about recent activities in the Wells Project. It was suggested that Man Up or the Knights of Columbus might be interested in hearing his presentation. 3. Julie suggested revisiting our support for the Save the Rain project and also perhaps increasing our support of the Dental Clinic.
- F. Prayer/Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned with a prayer.