

Saint Cecilia Social Justice Minutes

February 19, 2018, 7:00PM, Oscar Romero Room

Present: Doreen Berg, Jean Boot, Jarrett Wendt, Barb Moore, Deacon Ron Smith, Cynthia Shriver

Recorded by: Cynthia Shriver

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- A. Call to Order – Doreen called the meeting to order.
- B. Opening prayer – Deacon Ron led the opening prayer.
- C. Welcome & introductions-None
- D. In-Service – Ron

BUSINESS MEETING

- A. January minutes-Approved by consensus.
- B. Correspondence
 - NAMI newsletterThank you notes:
 - Birthright \$728.30 in 2017
 - Story County Dental Clinic - \$175.00 - signed by Wallace Sanders, Advisory Comm.)
 - MICA – for \$175 on 12/04/17 Story County Dental Clinic
 - Mary Greeley – for Christmas gifts (signed by Christy Krause, Director BHS)
 - YSS – for \$250 for Stork’s Nest
 - MICA - for \$175.00 on 12/26//2017 to Story County Dental Clinic
 - MICA - for support of the food pantry
 - Butterfly Freedom House – for yearly total of \$2183.00 (\$258.00 was from ManUp) and for supplies, time and friendship from members of St. Cecilia; also for Deacon Ron’s training and counseling for “us [board members] and our mentors and volunteers.” Signed by Donna Gladon, treasurer.
- C. New business –
 1. New Leadership of Social Justice. Doreen offered to be the new chair for the committee. Doreen presented a leadership history of the committee from 2003 until the present. She also proposed thinking about experimenting with different meeting times such as a different time or day of the week, having a business meeting every two months and a spiritual meeting the other months, etc.
 2. Social Justice Stations of the Cross – March 2 at 5:30 PM. Bob would like some volunteers to read the stations, carry the cross, etc.
 3. Project Linus – Co-sponsored by Social Justice, Feb. 25, 1:00-3:00, Social Hall – cookies needed. Learn more at <https://www.projectlinus.org/>
 4. Rice Bowl – Cynthia reported that the rice bowls are in place, the bulletin announcements have been submitted and the school has received 200 rice bowls. Lynn put up a display on a portion of the SJ bulletin board.
- D. Old business
 1. St. Vincent de Paul clothing drive – Jan.27/28. The drive was very successful. Participating congregations were St. Thomas, Sts. Peter and Paul and St. Cecilia.
 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/> There will be another session in April or May since there is so much going on in March during Lent.
 4. Klingseis estate. No new information.
 5. AMOS. No report.
 6. Pastoral Council – Sarah. St. Cecilia will participate in Ames’ solar panel project. Donations will be made through the parish.
 7. Financial reports & budget – Doreen/Jean. Monetary Receipts: \$6, 010.21(includes \$1,710.00 from the 2017 Thanksgiving collection), Estimated Value of Food Shelf Contributions: \$789.60, Disbursements: \$3,345.21, Bank Balance as of January 31, 2018: \$77,719.12, Discretionary Funds Available: \$8,879.56, It was decided by consensus to transfer \$1,210.00 from the Thanksgiving collection to Individual Assistance.
 8. Initiatives for Social Justice. Sarah and Jarrett attended the January 27 meeting. At the meeting tonight, Jarrett distributed a draft of a proposed SJ brochure that he created. The brochure details the agencies the money from the black back supports and what those agencies do. It is hoped that the information will increase donations. Also, the Social Justice initiatives for next year were discussed. Jarrett will rewrite the initiatives and send them to committee members for any additional editing and thought.* We will discuss the topic again next month.

9. Quarterly SJ newsletter – Please submit articles to Lynn by Feb.18.
10. Youth ministry mission grants – Doreen reported that there were no applications for the youth ministry grants. The committee agreed by consensus to donate the accumulated funds (over \$2,000) to help cover the expenses of the chaperones and then any other expenses.
11. Committee reports:
 - a. Good Samaritan Fund/Food Pantry donation: **493.5 lbs. in January.**
 - b. Hunger Collaboration. Doreen distributed copies of the *Results Based Accountability Guide* which is being reviewed by the group.
 - c. Food at First –Doreen reported that 1,848 meals were served during the month.
 - d. Good Neighbor – Phyllis. There will be no St. Patrick fundraiser this year. The board meets on Tuesday. A committee has been established to address qualifications, salary, etc. for the new director.
 - e. Restorative Justice - Barb stated that she is no longer on the board of the Butterfly House but continues to help with transportation and attends bible studies. Regarding the Jail Ministry, one lay minister resigned and two are on a need based list. No one has attended the sessions for three weeks in a row.
 - f. Individual Assistance – Ron reported that things were proceeding okay.
 - g. Emergency Residence Project – Julie. No report.
 - h. Sanctity of Life – Garland submitted the minutes of the Feb. meeting and copies were distributed to committee members.
 - i. Home for Awhile – Mary (written) - Did not meet Jan. 23 (no apartment available)
 - j. Days for Girls – Mary (written) – CyServe will be on April 7. 2,018 kits have been produced by the local Days for Girls group.
12. Additional concerns. None.
- E. Prayer/Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned with a prayer.

*Social Justice initiatives emailed by Jarrett to committee members on Feb. 21, 2018.

1. Improve parishioner awareness and support available for parishioners in need.
2. Create a streamlined process for parishioners to get involved in service.
3. Promote involvement in advocacy of social justice issues, and provide channels through which to advocate.
4. Encourage participation in Good Samaritan Black Bag Collection by showing what it does.