

Saint Cecilia Social Justice Minutes

October 15, 2018, 7:00PM, St. Louis Room

Present: Mary Ross, Doreen Berg, Lynn Franco, Jean Boot, Jarrett Wendt, John Wilson, Julie Haas, Charlie and Sharon Weber, Steve Bond, Cynthia Shriver

Recorded by: Cynthia Shriver

- A. Call to Order – Doreen called the meeting to order at 7PM.
- B. Opening prayer – The meeting was opened with a prayer.
- C. Welcome & introduction. Charlie and Sharon Weber and Steve Bond were introduced.
- D. In Service – None (Ron has a bereavement commitment)

BUSINESS MEETING

A. MINUTES

September Draft Minutes- The minutes were approved by consensus.

CORRESPONDENCE – Thank you – Friendship Ark, Catholic Charities, Anchor Youth Ministry, Story County Dental Clinic, NAMI, Wellsprings Missions

B. FINANCIALS

Since the data from the church office is incomplete, the August and September financial reports as well as a discussion of Discretionary Funds have been delayed to insure accuracy.

C. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Pastoral Council – If anyone has questions for Parish Council, please send them to Sarah.
- b. Wings of Refuge Event November 13, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Church
- c. Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) MICA. Doreen has information regarding the program if anyone knows of a family/individual that would benefit from the program.

E. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Advocacy/Publicity
 - *Bulletin Board/Newsletter – Lynn said that she will feature the Prison Ministry on the bulletin board in November.
 - *Social Justice Brochures in pews Good Samaritan Weekend Oct. 20/21 – Doreen will put the brochures in the pews before the 5:30 Mass. John will pick up the remaining brochures after 10:30 Mass. We hope that Father Jim will make an announcement pointing them out.
 - *Parish Ministry Fair - September 22/23, 2018 after all masses – Thanks to all who helped. Many positive comments were made about the new brochures.
 - *Social Justice Ministry Fair - February 17, 2019 after the 8:30 and 10:30 AM masses
- 2. Respect Life and Social Justice Formation – no new information.
<https://www.dbqarch.org/offices/respect-life/respect-life-and-social-justice-formation-for-all/>
- 3. Climate Action Team (CAT) f/ka Climate Solutions Circle - John reported information provided to him by Erwin Klaas. The new name for the group is Climate Action Team (CAT). About 23 people were in attendance. Ten individuals volunteered to attend the Ames City Council workshop next Tuesday, October 16, starting at 6 PM in Council Chambers. The City is about to launch the new Comprehensive Plan and the proposed plan has nothing in it concerning climate change. CAT hopes to make them aware of their group and ask that climate be included in their planning efforts.
- 4. Paint Your Prayer Retreat to support Lila Mae's House –A suggestion was made to put an announcement/message in *The Witness*. Doreen will contact Sue Stanton. If you are planning on attending, please let Doreen know. Jo Myers-Walker will instruct participants on how to make note cards that will be sold at the Christmas Market. There is no fee for the workshop.
- 5. Sister Water Project – Doreen will meet with the Faith Formation group to inform them of the project. We have \$750 in reserve for them.
- 6. AMOS – Nancy. Doreen reported that AMOS will be hosting a Meet the Candidates forum on October 18 at First Christian Church as part of their fall planning meeting.
 - a. AMOS - Fall Action Planning - October 18, First Christian Church (611 Clark Ave.)
 - b. Community ID Program. No information.
- 7. Ames Interfaith Refugee Alliance – No information.
- 8. Committee reports:
 - a. Good Samaritan - Lynn
 - * September 15/16 food pantry donation - 680 pounds – Keith and Linda Huls
 - * October 20/21 envelopes, cart and food transfer- Tom and Dorothy Sally
 - b. Hunger Collaboration - Doreen (no report)

- c. Food at First –Doreen (September average 66.6 meals per day). Julie will assume the position of organizing workers for Food at First, a position held previously by Doreen. This involves keeping the workers and sub list current.
- d. Good Neighbor – Searching for GNEA board member. The GN fall choral concert will be held at Bethesda Lutheran on Sunday, November 4 from 2 PM to 4 PM. New policies and procedures are now in place. Appointments for rent and utilities are on a walk- in basis and clients will be seen on Mondays and Thursdays from 9 AM to 11:30 AM. HFV will be distributed Monday through Thursday from 9 AM to 11:45 AM. The office will be closed on Fridays.
- e. Restorative Justice - Barb/Ron. Jail Ministry is going well.
*Butterfly House – There are still three residents and Barb will start teaching a class there this Wednesday night
*Matthew 25 House – Ron. No new information.
- f. Individual Assistance – Ron had numerous requests for help in September. He also received his first Giving Tree request.
- g. Emergency Residence Project – Julie. Shelter diversion conversations will be more solution focused hopefully diverting people from the shelter and improving access to space for people who need it most. Because of extensive damage from mold, the lower level of the duplex will no longer be used for human habitation. Monthly and quarterly inspections were completed by October 3. A to do list is posted for maintenance and volunteers. Grants received: Emergency Solutions-\$66,647, SAF-\$43,904 (shelter operations,), Memorial Lutheran Church Endowment-\$1,500 (Rapid Rehousing Program) as a match for the Iowa Finance Authority grant. Potential date for Reggie’s Sleepout in Ames is April 26. Carrie and Linda are speaking to the Ames Police Department about developing a street outreach program.
- h. Sanctity of Life – Garland/from Minutes. Thanks to all who participated in the Life Chain with Students for Life on Respect Life Sunday. The proposed baby shower for Martha’s House is on hold until an Executive Director is in place. The Pope Paul VI movie is coming in November. There are several possible Respect Life movies to do with the Knights of Columbus. Sanctity of Human Life will be doing coffee and donuts on December 9. Stay tuned for more information on the Central Iowa Workshop for Students for Life. There will be an Iowans for Life dinner at Prairie Meadows Convention Center on Wednesday, October 24. The Obris dinner is Sunday, October 28 at the Gateway Hotel in Ames. Frank Maly has a table.
- i. Home for Awhile – Mary reported that the apartments are full so there was no meeting in September
- j. Days for Girls – Mary. DfG will share in the proceeds from the Altrusa Christmas Tour of Homes this year. Bethesda Lutheran will start a sewing group as part of the Ames Sewing Team on October 21. They have asked STC to speak about DfG in one of their adult forums. DfG will be selling bakery and sewn items at the Christmas Market.

9. Additional concerns-None.

F. Prayer/Adjournment The meeting was adjourned with a prayer at 8:20 PM.