

# Saint Cecilia Social Justice Minutes

December 17, 2018, 7:00PM, St. Louis Room

Present: Doreen Berg, Jean Boot, Julie Haas, Deacon Ron Smith, Charlie Weber, Mary Ross

Recorded by: Mary Ross

- A. Call to Order – Doreen called the meeting to order.
- B. Opening prayer – The meeting was opened with a prayer.
- D. In Service – None

## BUSINESS MEETING

### A. MINUTES

November Draft Minutes- **The minutes were approved by consensus.**

### B. CORRESPONDENCE – Thank you – MICA, Story County Dental Clinic, ERP. Newsletter – NAMI

### C. FINANCIALS

1. Jean will be updating past financial reports.
2. November report: Beginning balance: \$64,515.31. Monetary Receipts: \$5,516.31. Budgeted expenditures: \$3,900.69. Ending balance: \$66,130.93.
3. Discretionary funds will be discussed in January.
4. Outreach: \$100 was given to the St. Cecilia Second Grade students as part of their fundraiser for the Children's Miracle Network (via the ISU Dance Marathon). Doreen felt the Outreach program is working well; Outreach funds were also used for the Paint Your Prayer retreat.

### D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Pastoral Council – A parish strategic planning session will be held on January 19.

### E. OLD BUSINESS

1. The Bethany Life food packaging event was postponed and may be held in the spring.
2. Sister Water Project. A team representing the Sister Water Project will give three presentations on January 30 in the Multi-Purpose Room at the St. Cecilia Education Center. The first one will be given to the St. Cecilia School students at 1pm. The second will be given to the Faith Formation elementary students at 4:30pm and the third will be given to the middle and high school Faith Formation students at 7:15pm. **St. Cecilia parishioners are invited to attend any of the sessions.**
3. Advocacy/Publicity. Bulletin Board/Newsletter – Lynn asked for suggestions for the bulletin board and newsletter. Doreen mentioned the Sister Water Project as a possibility.
4. Climate Action Team. John submitted a written report on the team's activities.
5. Respect Life and Social Justice Formation – Mary Sue is distributing information on this. <https://www.dbqarch.org/offices/respect-life/respect-life-and-social-justice-formation-for-all/>
6. AMOS. Nancy submitted her resignation as our representative to AMOS. She will continue with the AMOS immigration group.
  - a. Community ID - Social Justice donated \$350 to Faith Action for training volunteers
  - b. Doreen shared a report on Housing First, which is being used in several cities.
7. Ames Interfaith Refugee Alliance – no report
8. Committee reports:
  - a. Good Samaritan – **449 pounds** in November. Keith and Linda Huls brought the donations to MICA. Doreen got a quote from Sign Pro for a new easel sign for Good Samaritan weekends. Cost will be \$90.95 and will be paid with parish printing funds.
  - b. Hunger Collaboration - Doreen (no report)
  - c. Food at First – Julie. November average was 83.6 meals per day, which includes 637 Thanksgiving Day meals.
  - d. Good Neighbor – Charlie reported that there are many activities at Good Neighbor. Board members are asked to become involved in committees.
  - e. Restorative Justice - Barb/Ron. Jail Ministry is going well.
  - f. Butterfly House – There are two residents and Barb is teaching a bible study on the Book of Esther.
  - f. Individual Assistance – Ron had numerous requests for help in November.
  - g. Emergency Residence Project – Julie. Strategic planning meeting on Dec. 18. ERP is seeking a replacement for Nate Ryan who worked with the Rapid Re-housing program. Julie has contacted an Ames police officer, who is a parishioner, about possibly replacing her on the ERP board. ISU students are working on replacing weather stripping, insulation and drywall in the attic of the shelter. There have been many problems with mold in the shelter and the duplex. ERP is communicating with the city about allowing a new shelter on the 6<sup>th</sup> Street property and about re-zoning the current shelter property, especially with regard to parking requirements.
  - h. Sanctity of Life – Garland. No report.

i. Home for Awhile – Mary. The December meeting will be Dec. 18. A current tenant family is making good progress will probably have their 3-month stay extended.

j. Days for Girls – Mary. DfG has not yet learned the amount of its portion of the proceeds from the Altrusa Christmas Tour of Homes. DfG continues to have new inquiries about participating. The team has lost several members due to ill health and moving.

9. Additional concerns - None.

**F. Prayer/Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned with a prayer.