

Saint Cecilia Social Justice Corrected Minutes

November 19, 2018, 7:00PM, St. Louis Room

Present: Doreen Berg, Jarrett Wendt, Barb Moore, Deacon Ron Smith, Nancy Heideman, John Wilson, Mary Ross, Jean Boot, Lynn Franco (Recorder)

- A. Call to Order – Doreen
- B. Opening Prayer – Deacon Ron Smith (reflection on poverty around the world and in our community)
- C. Welcome and introductions
- D. In Service – Deacon Ron. Bill Klein (St. Cecilia’s business administrator) and Deacon Ron have been reviewing the Social Justice Individual Assistance Application process. They asked for input from the Social Justice Committee. Any suggestions should be sent to Deacon Ron. This process will be brought up again at a future meeting.

BUSINESS MEETING

A. MINUTES

- a. October Draft Minutes were reviewed. Doreen will let Cynthia Shriver know that Deacon Ron was not at the October meeting. Minutes then approved by consensus.

B. CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you notes for contributions from SJ and other correspondence were passed around.

C. FINANCIALS (Jean Boot)

- a. July 2018 Financial report reviewed
- b. August 2018 Financial report reviewed
- c. September 2018 Financial report reviewed
- d. November 2018 Discretionary funds available are \$7,173.83
- e. Request from Community ID Program – Nancy Heideman
AMOS Immigration County Coordination Committee is continuing to work on the Community ID Project. Collegiate United Methodist provided the committee with a \$5,000 grant. Computers, cameras, printer and software have been purchased with it but there is not enough remaining to cover the cost for a lighting system needed for taking the ID photos and for the \$1,500 training cost (Nancy is taking part in the training) and other miscellaneous startup expenses. Nancy asked SJ for a donation of \$500
- f. Harvest of Blessings Allocation – Doreen reported for Julie Haas. The \$500 set aside for Harvest of Blessings is not needed. Consensus of SJ members is that the \$500 be given to the Community ID Program as requested by Nancy Heideman

D. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Pastoral Council – Jarrett – Columbarium at St. Cecilia was discussed.
- b. Bethany Life Christmas Dinner Food Packaging Event on December 7, 2:30 p.m. – Doreen – if anyone would like to help by being on St. Cecilia’s team, let Doreen know. Funding was also requested. Consensus by SJ members to contribute \$100.
- c. Sister Water Project – Doreen – A speaker from the Sister Water Project team will be coming to St. Cecilia’s. Faith Formation would like to participate. Doreen will also talk to St. Cecilia School principal about working the project into Catholic School Week activities.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Advocacy/Publicity

***Kiosk in Narthex** – Lynn will do for SJ the 2nd quarter of 2019

***Bulletin Board/Newsletter** – Lynn recently updated bulletin board with info on MICA needs, Giving Tree and Christmas Market. Cynthia will add information regarding Alternative Gift Market. The November Newsletter focused on Prison Ministry.

***Social Justice Brochures** – Jarrett – it was well received; parishioners liked it

***Paint Your Prayer Retreat** – Doreen – 40 note card sets were made. Proceeds from sales will help human trafficking victims. Artist Jo Myers-Walker lead the workshop.

2. **Respect Life and Social Justice Formation** – Deacon Ron – nothing new to report

3. **Climate Action team (CAT)** – Climate Solutions Circle – written report received from John Wilson and reviewed. John will keep us updated on this City of Ames Council committee.

4. **AMOS** – Nancy – report received (reviewed under financials above) as was Community ID Program

5. **Ames Interfaith Refugee Alliance** – written report received from Nancy Heideman and reviewed. AIRA is working with a second family from Sudan. Refugee Alliance is in need of funding. Nancy will provide a dollar amount at the December SJ meeting. Amount will come from discretionary funds. SJ members should also be prepared to suggest other needs to come from these funds. These will also be discussed at the December meeting.

6. Committee Reports

a. **Good Samaritan** – Lynn

*November 17/18 – food pantry donation – 449 pounds – Keith and Linda Huls

*December 15/16 – envelopes, cart and food transfer-Gordie Miller

***Hunger Collaboration** – Doreen – Hunger Collaboration minutes from October 18, 2018 reviewed.

***Food at First** – Doreen – (October average 69.5 meals per day/20,837 meals to date for 2018); Pass Along Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 8, 4-5:30 p.m. at First Christian Church.

***Good Neighbor** – Welcomed Charlie Weber, new St. Cecilia board member.

Written copy of Good Neighbor Board minutes from 9-25-18 received and reviewed. Doreen reported that proceeds from Christmas Market and nylon scrubies provided by Webers will be given to Good Neighbor as our yearly fund raiser for the organization.

***Restorative Justice** – Barb/Ron

Jail Ministry – 8 ladies attended last Saturday morning

Butterfly House has two ladies living there

Matthew 25 – written report from Terry Herrman received and reviewed

***Individual Assistance** – Deacon Ron – current guidelines and suggested changes from Bill Klein reviewed. Will be discussed at future meetings (as described in the In-Service portion of these minutes).

***Emergency Residence Project** – Julie – written report received and reviewed

***Sanctity of Life** – Garland – written report received and reviewed

***Home for Awhile** – Mary – written report received and reviewed

***Days for Girls** – Mary – written report received and reviewed

Additional concerns - none

Prayer/Adjournment – prayer of Thanksgiving and handout on Saint Cecilia – patron saint of the parish.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.