

Saint Cecilia Social Justice Minutes

August 19, 2019, 7:00PM, St. Louis Room

Present: Doreen Berg, John Wilson, Mary Ross, Barb Moore, Julie Haas, Jarrett Wendt, Lynn Franco, Charlie Weber, Jean Boot, Rick Brimeyer, Cynthia Shriver

Recorded by: Cynthia Shriver

- A. Call to Order – Doreen
- B. Opening prayer – Doreen
- C. Welcome & Introductions

BUSINESS MEETING

A. MINUTES

- 1. July Draft Minutes – Minutes were approved by consensus.

- B. **CORRESPONDENCE**:- Thank you – Story County Dental, AMOS and ACCESS; Brochures from Martha's House of Hope

C. FINANCIALS - Jean

- 1. July Financial Report. The July financial report was reviewed. Jean explained that when she receives financial reports from the office, the timing is such that the books may or may not have been closed for the month. After discussion, there was consensus that a 'preliminary' report should be given to the committee monthly and when the monthly financial report is verified, a 'final' report to the committee will follow when available.
- 2. 2019-2020 Final Budget. The budget has been finalized. Per last month's discussion, funds for two months of recurring monthly expenses will be reserved.
- 3. Individual Assistance. The bookkeeping process is in place and all is going well.
- 4. Discretionary Funds. No discussion.

D. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Pastoral Council – We are waiting for a new committee representative from Parish Council.
- 2. Parish Wide Service Project – Parish Life Committee. Written report available. Rick spoke of the planned parish-wide service project. It appears that we will be collecting personal paper products such as diapers, toilet paper, etc. Methods for collecting the items and distributing them fairly are being worked on. A preliminary list of organizations that would be recipients has been compiled. There will be opportunity to add to the list.
- 3. Crop Walk – Sunday, October 13 (Rally August 29, 5-7 St. John's Episcopal Church)
- 4. Parish Ministry Fair – September 7/8 after masses (excluding 5:00 Sunday mass)

E. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Advocacy/Publicity - Lynn
 - *Bulletin Boards- Lynn reported that she has updated the SJ bulletin boards.
- 2. August 17/18 Newsletter. Thank you, Lynn.
- 3. Respect Life and Social Justice Formation - Ron
<https://www.dbqarch.org/offices/respect-life/respect-life-and-social-justice-formation-for-all/>
No new information.
- 4. Committee reports:
 - a. Climate Action Team (CAT) – John. Written report available. The good news is that the Ames City Council voted to go ahead with the SunSmart project.
 - b. AMOS – Kathy. Written report available. Highlights include an immigration event at STC that is planned for October 6 at 6 P.M. with a meal followed by a workshop. AMOS is asking for 10 people from each AMOS member organization to be there. The Community I.D. program has been very successful. 410 cards have been issued. STC's offer to pay the eight dollar fee for

individuals who do not have the money has been relayed to the I.D. committee and, if needed, we will be called upon to help.

- c. Community ID Program – Nancy
 - * ID scholarships – Jarrett. See 4b.
 - d. Ames Interfaith Refugee Alliance – Nancy. No new information.
 - e. Good Samaritan - Lynn
 - * July food pantry donation – 444 pounds – Tina Richards.
 - * August envelopes, cart, food transfer – Keith and Linda Huls
 - f. Hunger Collaboration – Doreen. No new information.
 - g. Food at First –Julie (July average meals per day – 70.0, YTD through July 31, 2019, 14,273 meals)
 - h. Good Neighbor – Charlie. The fall choir concert, GN’s major annual fund raiser, will be held November 10 from 2-4 pm. The STC choir will participate.
 - i. Restorative Justice - Barb/Ron. No new information.
 - *Butterfly House – Barb. There is a house mother now who is a former resident.
 - *Matthew 25 House – Ron. No new information.
 - j. Emergency Residence Project – Julie/Ben. No new information.
 - k. Sanctity of Life – Garland. No new information.
 - l. Home for Awhile – Julie. A family was selected for a recent opening.
 - m. Days for Girls – Mary. Written report available.
5. Additional concerns. Jo Myers will conduct another Paint Your Prayer event on September 16 from 1:30 to 3:30 PM. Contact Doreen if you would like to attend.

F. Prayer/Adjournment