

# Saint Cecilia Social Justice Minutes

August 24, 2020, 7:00PM, via ZOOM

In Attendance: Doreen Berg, Mary Ross, Deacon Ron Smith, Jean Boot, John Wilson, Nancy Heideman, Julie Haas, Rev. Don Czapla, Jarrett Wendt, Kathy Wipf, Cynthia Shriver

Recorded by: Cynthia Shriver

1. Call to Order. Doreen Berg
2. Opening prayer. Deacon Ron
3. Welcome & Introductions. Father Don Czapla

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

### **A. MINUTES**

- a. July Minutes. Cynthia. The minutes were approved as written.

### **B. CORRESPONDENCE** Holding until we have a live meeting

### **C. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Pastoral Council. We need to confirm who will be the liaison between the committee and Pastoral Council.
- b. Rice Bowl. Cynthia. No new information.
- c. Wings of Refuge Night of Hope 2. The agency will be celebrating their second anniversary on Tuesday, October 20. St. Cecilia will not be a host home due to covid-19. They are looking to open a second home.
- d. Laudato Si and the Season of Creation Outdoor Joint Prayer Service with St. Thomas (details to follow). John Wilson/Chuck Glatz (STA). STA wants to know if STC would like to join in the service. John will be meeting with Chuck. Father Don said he was fine with it being ecumenical and having it outside at STC.

### **D. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Respect Life and Social Justice Formation. Ron. No new information.
2. Advocacy/Publicity. Lynn has been updating the bulletin boards as needed.
  - \*Bulletin Boards
  - \*Newsletter (August delayed until September as Editor Lynn had computer issues)
3. Committee Reports
  - a. Good Samaritan. We are collecting and donating less food to MICA than usual. Reasons include less people are at Mass due to Covid-19 and because of the virus there is a lot of financial need in the community. School food programs are not affected because the programs go through the Iowa Food Bank.
    - \* July food pantry donation. 264 pounds – Tom and Dorothy Sally
    - \*August food pantry donation. 173.5 – Tina Richard
  - b. Climate Action Team (CAT). John Wilson. Written report available. Pastoral Council will need to address funding for the solar panels that the Church agreed to purchase.
  - c. AMOS – Kathy Wipf. Written report available. Kathy invited interested parties to participate in a ZOOM meeting on September 3 at 7 PM. The purpose is to learn what issues in our community are seen as needing to be changed/fixed/improved.
  - d. Immigrants and Refugees Committee, Ames Sanctuary Interfaith Partners, Ames Interfaith Refugee Alliance. Nancy. Written reports available.
  - e. Hunger Collaboration – Doreen. Written report available. There is an updated Story County Food resources guide. Doreen will ask Mary Sue to make copies and they will be placed in the information slots in the Narthex.
  - f. Food at First. Julie. June average meals-82. July average meals-71. The electricity was off for four days due to the storm. Food was kept cold by using generators.

- g. Good Neighbor. Charlie. The Board minutes are available. The Parish Christmas Market 2020 is cancelled due to Covid-19.
- h. Jail Ministry. The jail ministry is still not active due to the virus.
  - \*Butterfly House. Barb Moore
  - \*Matthew 25 House. Deacon Ron. The financial status of Mathew House needs to be learned.
- i. Emergency Residence Project. Ben Kellen. The Board minutes are available. The agency has hired a company to speak with individuals to determine what kind of housing needs are in the community in anticipation of the fundraising campaign.
- j. Sanctity of Life. Garland. Written report available.
- k. Home for Awhile. Mary. Written report available. Applicants are continued to be interviewed via Zoom whenever possible.
- l. Days for Girls. Mary. Written report available. In August, the Ames Sewing Team donated kits to Lebanon.

**E. FINANCIALS**

- a. June Financial Report (Final). Jean. Reviewed. No change from last month.
- b. July Financial Report (Tentative). Jean. Reviewed.
- c. 2020 – 2021 Budget. Jean. **The budget was approved by consensus as submitted.** In general, the agencies that we donate to monthly will see a 5% decrease. Doreen contacted all agencies to inform them. Other changes in the 2020-2021 budget compared to the previous fiscal year are referenced and explained in detail in the budget documents emailed to committee members. It was noted that we can revise the budget at any time.

**F. ADDITIONAL CONCERNS** None.

**G. CLOSING PRAYER** Deacon Ron. The meeting was adjourned with a prayer.