

# Saint Cecilia Social Justice Minutes

December 21, 2020, 7:00PM, via ZOOM

In Attendance: Deacon Ron, Kathy Wipf, John Wilson, Mary Ross, Doreen Berg, Julie Haas, Jarrett Wendt, Jean Boot, Cynthia Shriver

Recorded by: Cynthia Shriver

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

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

### **A. MINUTES**

- a. November – Cynthia Shriver. The minutes were approved by consensus.

### **B. CORRESPONDENCE:** – Newsletter: Martha’s House of Hope; Thank You: Martha’s House of Hope (continued support), Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance (\$760)

### **C. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Pastoral Council – Jarrett and Deacon Ron reported that the council is still talking about the columbarium. The *Rejoice* program during Advent is going well.
- b. Parish Giving Tree – Ron stated that we are abundantly blessed by the generosity of parishioners in providing gift cards to the Giving Tree.
- c. Alternative Gift Market – Cynthia said opportunities to purchase gifts through the Market have been described in the bulletin, Facebook, and *Let’s Stay Connected*. Shopping lists and catalogs are available on the SJ bulletin board and on tables in the entrance to the worship space.

### **D. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Respect Life and Social Justice Formation – No new information.
2. Advocacy/Publicity – Lynn Franco  
\*Bulletin Boards- Lynn is continuously adding and updating information to the bulletin board.

The November SJ newsletter was distributed in November.

#### 3. Committee Reports

- a. Good Samaritan - Lynn  
\*November food pantry donation – 443.5 pounds – Tom Sally  
\*December cart/sign/food delivery – Keith & Linda Huls

- b. AMOS – Written report available. Kathy mentioned that Courtney Dufford, AMOS chief organizer, met with Father Don. Kathy suggested that we invite Courtney to speak at one of our meetings. Kathy is stepping down as STC’s representative to AMOS.

Kathy said that STC’s name comes up frequently because of the work the parish has done with the community i.d. program and the Immigrant Fund.

Thank you to Kathy – There is a St. Cecilia AMOS representative opening.

STC is scheduled to host the December 7, 2021 AMOS cluster meeting.

- c. Immigrants and Refugee Committee – Nancy Heideman. Written report available. One hundred ninety three thousand dollars for the fund has been collected and \$180,000 has been distributed.

Interfaith Alliance. No new information.

- d. Hunger Collaboration – Doreen. Written report available. The need for food is increasing again and programs funded by CARES are running out of money.

Kiwanis and MICA will team up and start delivering food to outlying areas.

The Double UP Food Bucks program is in need of money and individuals are asked to contact legislators for state funding.

- e. Food at First –Julie (November meals – 2239/average 126). When she cooks, Julie said that she is preparing for 120 meals. The last count she heard was 83. The numbers do fluctuate.

FAF is still short of cooks for January.

Items left over from the Pass Along Party were offered to immigrant families.

300 meals were requested for delivery for Thanksgiving.

Improvements in the heating and lighting of the distribution shed will be done.

- f. Good Neighbor – Charlie Weber. November minutes are available.  
\*Annual Fundraiser Replacement for Christmas Market – Possibly April/Good Neighbor month  
Please let Charlie know if you have any ideas.
- g. The Bridge Home f/k/a Emergency Residence Project – Ben Kellen. No new information.
- h. Sanctity of Life – Garland Dahlke. No new information.
- i. Climate Action Team (CAT) – John Wilson. Written report available. John said that solar panels are still available for purchase. He suggested putting this information in the bulletin after the first of the year.

There is a need for young people from STC to serve on the Climate Action Team.

- j. Jail Ministry

\*Butterfly House – Barb Moore. No new information.

\*Matthew 25 House – Deacon Ron. No new information

- k. Home for Awhile – Mary Ross. Written report available. Prospective tenants continue to be interviewed via Zoom.
- l. Days for Girls – Mary Ross. Written report available. The sewing team will meet in the afternoon during January and February but not in the evening. Also, individuals continue to work at home.

#### **E. FINANCIALS**

Jean asked that we think about whether we want to reconsider our Outreach budget line since we are not spending it.

Story County Dental Clinic checks were returned to the office. Jean suggested we contact Primary Care after the first of the year to determine whether or not they are/will be providing dental care.

- a. September Financial Report (Final). Reviewed
- b. October Financial Report (Tentative). Reviewed
- c. November Financial Report (Tentative). Reviewed

**F. Additional Concerns.** None.

**G. Closing Prayer - Deacon Ron.** The meeting was closed with a prayer for families.