

Saint Cecilia Social Justice Minutes
September 20, 2021, 7:00PM, in person

Present: Jarrett Wendt, Mary Ross, Julie Haas, Doreen Berg, John Wilson, Barbara Schnoes, Jean Boot, Cynthia Shriver
Recorded by: Cynthia Shriver

1. Call to Order – Doreen Berg
2. Opening prayer - Jarrett
3. Welcome & Introductions – Barbara Schnoes was introduced as the committee’s new liaison to Pastoral Council.

BUSINESS MEETING

A. MINUTES

1. August Draft Minutes – Cynthia Shriver. **Approved by consensus.**

B. CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you: One Heart Catholic Missions

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Pastoral Council – Jarrett. The remodeling plans have been approved by the diocese, Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee. Much necessary work is being done as well as improving what needs to be improved. It is anticipated that the project will take three to four years to complete.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Outreach

- a. Climate Action Team – John Wilson. There will be a key date in November when the city will be setting its climate action goals. Letters to the City Council in support of a climate action plan are encouraged.
- b. Days for Girls – Mary Ross. Written report available. Kits are being sent to a central location in Utah and Pennsylvania for shipment overseas. They are meeting twice per month.
- c. Food at First – Julie Haas. Written report available. We are still cooking 120 to 130 meals. There is a new stove, and the flooring is almost done. A question was asked about whether FAF still has business size cards that list market and meal days, locations, and times.
- d. Good Samaritan Weekend
 1. MICA Food Pantry Collection – Lynn Franco
 - *August Food Pantry donations – 355.5 pounds
 - *August cart/sign/food delivery – Lynn and Terry Franco
 - *September Food Pantry donations – 390.5 pounds
 - *September cart/sign/food delivery – Linda and Keith Huls
 2. Good Samaritan – Black Bag Collection – Jarrett Wendt. There are no firm numbers on what will be given to GN since some critical decisions have not been made. Jarrett and Lynn are putting together a timeline for Good Samaritan procedures.
 - *September 2021 Recipient(s) – Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance, Inc. GN had a very nice display in the Narthex during Good Samaritan weekend.
 - *October 2021 Recipient(s) – The Bridge Home is the featured agency for October. We are in a transition phase for board member representation. Shari Riley will be responsible for the October display.
- e. Hunger Collaboration – Doreen Berg. Written reports available. There was a joint meeting of Story County Hunger Collaboration and Food Pantry Collaboration on August 19. A study on teen hunger was conducted by Hunger America.
- f. Immigrants and Refugees Committee – Written report available. There will be a new community i.d. and Covid vaccination program offered on October 16 at STC. It was suggested that the parish should be thinking about its role if any state Afghan refugee’s resettlement programs require assistance.
- g. Make Their Hearts Smile – Julie Haas. This is a new initiative. Parishioners, 85 to 95 years old, have been identified. Their first names will be put in a small basket in the Narthex and parishioners will be asked to take a name(s), write a note and return them to the basket labelled “Make Their Hearts Smile”. The program will begin the weekend of October 2-3 and be publicized in the bulletin and in the online parish “Newsday Tuesday” communication. The cards will be sent to the person(s) you have chosen by mail or delivered personally. St. Cecilia school children are already making birthday cards.

- h. Prison Ministry – Ron Smith/Barb Moore. No new information.
- i. Saving Suds – Mary Ross. No new information. Mary did not receive any responses from the bulletin announcement asking if anyone is interested in volunteering.
- 2. Advocacy
 - a. AMOS – no report
- 3. Marketing
 - a. Bulletin Boards – Lynn Franco. Lynn redid the bulletin board featuring the Celebration of Life event which is to be held October 3 at St. Cecilia's.
 - b. Newsletter (April/July/October/January) - Lynn Franco
- 4. Events
 - a. Celebration of Life –October 3, 2021, 1:00, St. Cecilia – John Wilson. The event is coming together nicely.
 - b. Christmas Market – November 20/21 – Doreen Berg
 - c. Giving Tree Launch – November 20/21 – Cindy Baughman
- 5. Agency Representative Reports. The schedule presented at the September meeting has been modified to reflect a move of agency assignments ahead a month. This will allow the SJ Committee to receive full reports a month prior to each agency's scheduled narthex display/collection. Doreen will provide a modified schedule at the October 18th SJ meeting as well as download the schedule to the SJ Google Doc drive.

E. FINANCIALS

- 1. July Financial Report (Final) – Jean Boot. Reviewed
- 2. August Financial Report (Tentative) – Jean Boot. reviewed
- 3. Good Samaritan Black Bag Recipients –Discussion CASH & CHECKS (weekend collection) ACH/LPI. The committee feels the need for some clarification from Bill Klein, Business Manager, as to monthly monies received during Good Samaritan weekend as well as monies brought in throughout the month. Jarrett, Jean, and Doreen will ask Bill for clarification and then meet to go through the process and bring some procedures to the October 18th SJ meeting.
- 4. Crop Walk Request – Jean Boot. **By consensus, it was decided to donate \$200 to this year's Crop Walk.**

G. ADDITIONAL CONCERNS-Doreen

In the interest of clarity and time, a new format has been adopted for “Committee Reports “.

- 1. Some “Committees” that are classified more as Outreach (boots on the ground interactions) have been replaced with the section Outreach D.1. These outreach representatives are expected to give a brief verbal report at each monthly SJ committee meeting.
- 2. The title ‘Committee Reports’ will be replaced with ‘Agency Representative Reports’. All Agency Representatives will be asked to download monthly agency minutes (when available to them) to the upcoming monthly meeting folder in the Social Justice Google Drive for review by SJ committee members on their own time. A schedule has been set up for Agency Representatives indicating when they have been assigned to give a full verbal report to the SJ committee (see D.5.). When there are events that agencies would like to promote or are time sensitive, Agency Representatives should email Doreen the information so that it can be put on the agenda under the Events category D.4.

G. SOCIAL JUSTICE VISIONING - Jarrett Wendt. Postponed.

H. CLOSING PRAYER – Jarrett. The meeting was adjourned with a prayer.

