

# Saint Cecilia Social Justice Minutes

January 20, 2020, 7:00PM, St. Louis Room

Present: Mike Brown, Ben Kellen, Doreen Berg, Mary Ross, Nancy Heideman, Lynn Franco, Jean Boot, Kathy Wipf, Cynthia Shriver

Recorded by: Cynthia Shriver

- A. Call to Order. Doreen called the meeting to order.
- B. Opening prayer. The meeting was opened with a prayer.
- C. Welcome & Introductions. New individuals were welcomed to the group and introductions were made.

## BUSINESS MEETING

### A. MINUTES

December Draft Minutes. Mary. Minutes were approved by consensus

- B. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Thank you. MICA/Story County Dental \$200; Emergency Residence Project \$1,000; Primary Health Care \$200; Obria \$200 Christmas Card – Wings of Refuge

- C. **FINANCIALS. Jean.** The tentative December financial report was reviewed. December 1, 2019 Beginning Balance: \$64,446.98 (includes \$1,302 Thanksgiving Collection. Expenditures: \$3,625.43. December 31, 2019 Ending Balance: \$66,912.55. Doreen will check with the Story County Medical Center to learn how the Senior Outreach Program is going.

### D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Pastoral Council – Mike Brown. The first meeting of the year is next week. Parish Strategic Planning. Saturday, January 25, 8:00 to noon. St. Louis Room. At this time, Doreen, Ron, and Sharon Jenkins Moore are planning on attending.<sup>1</sup>
2. Wings of Refuge movie invitation. Everyone is invited to attend the movie, *Blind Eyes Open*, on January 23 at 7 P.M at Cinemark Movies 12.
3. Parish Wide Service Project. LET'S ROLL - Parish Life Committee (January 25/26)  
Doreen purchased items with the \$100 Outreach contribution from the Social Justice committee. She asked for volunteers to help on Sunday night from 4 P.M. to 7 P.M. Volunteers will do an inventory of what was received and then fill orders for parishioners and the agencies. The agencies will pick up the products on Monday from 10 A.M. to noon. What is left will go to MICA.

### E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Respect Life and Social Justice Formation. No report.
2. Advocacy/Publicity. Lynn  
Quarterly Newsletter. February 15/16. Please let Lynn know if you have items for the newsletter by the end of the first week in February.
3. Committee Reports
  - a. Good Samaritan - Lynn
    - \* December food pantry donation – 460 pounds – Pat and Barb Tallman
    - \* December envelopes, cart, food transfer – Pat and Barb Tallman
    - \* January envelopes, cart, food transfer – Keith and Linda Huls.  
Since MICA was closed on Monday for the MLK holiday, Lynn will email the amount of food contributed in January to Doreen after she receives it.
  - b. Climate Action Team (CAT) – John. Written report available. The climate action team has been reorganizing in the last few months. The main goals are to engage local governments to adopt a Climate Action Proposal that includes several specific items suggested by CAT, to increase public awareness by utilizing the public library, informational websites, newspapers, etc. and to be an active and effective voice for convincing government and other entities of the urgency of slowing down global warming. There will be a Climate Crisis Parade/Demonstration on February 1, between

noon and 3:00 P.M. in Des Moines. Father Jim is supportive of the event. Please see John for opportunities for carpooling.

- c. AMOS. Kathy. The new lead organizer is Courtney Dufford. Doreen and Kathy met with her. AMOS is promoting Legislative Mental Health Day at the Capitol on January 29.
- d. Immigrants and Refugee Committee. Nancy Heideman. Written report available. The joint STC and STA Committee met January 16<sup>th</sup>. They are hoping to make a list of needs at one of the potlucks after the Spanish Mass at STC since the prior list was generated based on second hand information. Nancy will be incorporating resources that are available to documented immigrants and refugees in the Story County resource list that AMOS is modifying for specific use by undocumented immigrants. Nancy mentioned that, in addition to many other things, spiritual items such as rosaries, statues, etc. are needed. **Ames Sanctuary Interfaith Partners (ASIP)**. The group is hoping to become a 501 c3 organization. The AMOS Central Committee ID Drive will be held at STC on April 18. The County Coordination Committee is considering doing smaller, customized drives in the future by conducting them at different venues and by customizing talks to specific audiences. **Ames Interfaith Religious Alliance (AIRA)**. The objectives for 2020 were discussed. Please see written report for more details.
- e. Hunger Collaboration. Doreen. Written report available. Highlights include:
  - \*Point in Time Homeless Count January 29/30 & Food Insecurity Survey
  - \*Summer Food Programs/Feeding America Program Middle and High School Food Pantries
  - \*Bread For The World. Request to advance global nutrition
  - \*Story County Quality of Life Alliance-5 year needs assessment survey<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCNeedsAssessment>  
Please see written report for more specific information.
- f. Food at First. December average meals per day (?); (?) YTD thru Dec. 2019). Information not yet received.
- g. Good Neighbor. Charlie. Written report available. Please see written report for details.
- h. Restorative Justice. Barb/Ron. All is well.
  - \*Butterfly House. Barb. The Butterfly House currently has four residents
  - \*Matthew 25 House. No new information.
- i. Emergency Residence Project. Ben. The new executive director is Jodi Stumbo. ERP did not meet in December. There has been some turnover on the board. They will be working on a community needs assessment.
- j. Sanctity of Life. No report.
- k. Home for Awhile. Mary. HfA did not meet in December. The next meeting is January 28.
- l. Days for Girls. Mary. DfG did not meet in December. At their January meeting, a total of 3980 kits was reached. There were new volunteers from STA and Marshalltown.
- m. Additional Concerns. Lynn will be the committee's representatives to Father Secora's Retirement Celebration Committee. Our new pastor is expected around July 18<sup>th</sup>.

**F. Closing Prayer.** The meeting was adjourned with a prayer.

<sup>1</sup> Meeting cancelled.