

January 21, 2019, 7:00 PM, St. Louis Room

Present: Doreen Berg, Julie Hass, Mary Ross, Deacon Ron Smith, John Wilson, Charlie Weber, Lynn Franco, Jarrett Wendt, Jean Boot, Cynthia Shriver (Recorder)

- A. Call to Order – Doreen called the meeting to order.
- B. Opening prayer – Ron led the opening prayer composed by Martin Luther King.
- C. Welcome & Introductions
- D. In Service – AMOS Housing First – Doreen. AMOS would like to start a program called Housing First. There is a meeting February 5. If anyone is interested in working on the program, please contact Doreen.

BUSINESS MEETING

A. MINUTES

- a. November Corrected Minutes- Lynn. **Minutes approved by consensus**
- b. December Draft Minutes – Mary. **Minutes approved by consensus.**

B. CORRESPONDENCE – Thank you – MICA, Story County Dental, Food at First, Heartland Senior Services, Catholic Charities, Birthright, Home For Awhile, St. Cecilia 2nd graders – Children’s Miracle Network; Audit-Good Neighbor

C. FINANCIALS - Jean

- 1. December Financial Report. Beginning Balance: \$66,130.93. Monetary Receipts: \$7,203.00, Expenditures: \$4,380.00, Ending Balance: \$68,953.73. Outreach funds will be used for the bookmarks used in the Sister project.
- 2. Discretionary Funds. Action was delayed since we may need funds for individuals who are on furlough due to the government shutdown.
- 3. Outreach/Service Ministry – Request from Homeless Outreach Team (ERP, Ames PD, ISU PD). Street Outreach is asking seven area churches to pick from a list and donate 30 items of their choice. Mary procured 30 home knit caps. **By consensus, the committee agreed to donate \$100 from the Outreach line item so that they can purchase what they don’t receive.**

D. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Pastoral Council – Sarah. No report.
- 2. Social Justice Ministry Fair February 17 – Doreen. Becca will do balloons.

E. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Sister Water Project January 30 – Doreen. Everyone is invited to attend the presentation on the project. Five representatives are coming from Dubuque. All meetings are in the Education Center.
- 2. Advocacy/Publicity

*Bulletin Board/Newsletter – Lynn. The bulletin board will feature the water project. Lynn will take photos of the January 30 Sister Water Project presentation to use in the display.

- 4. Respect Life and Social Justice Formation - Ron
<https://www.dbqarch.org/offices/respect-life/respect-life-and-social-justice-formation-for-all/>. No report.
- 5. Climate Action Team (CAT) – John. The group will collect information and give feedback to the Ames City Council. The group is also interested in increasing awareness about climate change including distributing educational materials specifically designed for congregations. When he receives the information he will forward it on to Doreen. John will send information about the group’s activities to Lynn for the SJ newsletter. (Written report is available.) John is hoping that STC will be actively involved in the Ames Comprehensive Planning Process.
- 6. AMOS – Kathy Wipf is the parish’s new representative to AMOS.
 - a. Housing First – Doreen (see C3)
- 7. Community ID Program – Nancy. No report.
- 8. Ames Interfaith Refugee Alliance – Nancy will join Chuck Glatz in presenting an information program for the middle school religious education group. Chuck also requested ideas for any other programs that STA and STC could work on together.
- 9. Committee reports:
 - a. Good Samaritan - Lynn
 - * December food pantry donation – 435 pounds – Gordie Miller
 - * January 19/20 envelopes, cart and food transfer- Pat and Barb Tallman
 - b. Hunger Collaboration – Doreen. Two more food pantries were added in Story County for a total of 20. The two new ones are in schools. Primary Health Care is able to help people with food and is currently serving around 25 families. There are no income guidelines but you must be a patient at the clinic. (Minutes are available).

- c. Food at First –Julie (December average 72 meals per day/includes 375 Christmas Day meals). (Written report is available).
 - d. Good Neighbor – Charlie. Good Neighbor continues to implement new procedures under the new director. Client electronic files are being updated and new financial and donor management software is being obtained through the efforts of the Leadership Ames group. The group is working with GN in a variety of capacities. (GN director’s written report is available).
 - e. Restorative Justice - Barb/Ron. No changes.
- *Butterfly House – Barb. Two women are at the house and all is okay.
- *Matthew 25 House – Ron. Nothing new.
 - f. Individual Assistance – Ron. Requests for help continue.
 - g. Emergency Residence Project – Julie. Progress is being made in all areas including homelessness prevention, care packages, mold removal, volunteer recruitment, and fundraising. (Written report is available).
 - h. Sanctity of Life – Garland. The movie “Wonder” will be shown January 26 after 5:00 PM mass. New initiatives include the USCCB novena regarding the reversal of Roe vs Wade and a March for Life in Chicago on January 13, Washington, D.C. on January 18, San Francisco on January 26. (Minutes are available).
 - i. Home for Awhile – Mary. The board will meet on January 22 to interview applicants. (Written report is available).
 - j. Days for Girls – Mary. \$1,000 was donated to DfG by Altrusa. The team has worked with many groups and there are several new groups who are interested in participating. (Written report is available).
 - k. Christmas Giving Tree – Cindy submitted a detailed report of this year’s activities. Accura, Birthright, MGMC Behavioral Health and parish families were gift recipients this year. 244 gifts were distributed and a total of \$3,950 in gift cards was received. (Written report is available).

10. Additional concerns-none

F. Prayer/Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM with a prayer.

UPCOMING EVENTS: *Social Justice Ministry Fair - February 17, 2019 after the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. masses

