

Saint Cecilia Social Justice

Minutes – May 20, 2019

Present: Kathy Wipf, Charlie Weber, Julie Haas, Mary Ross, Jean Boot, Barb Moore, Lynn Franco, Doreen Berg

- A. Call to Order – Doreen
- B. Opening Prayer – Our Father was said (Deacon Ron was not at meeting)
- C. Welcome and Introductions – Rick Brimeyer (Parish Life Committee)
 1. Rick talked to the SJ committee about the Social Life Committee of the parish. Many groups in the parish come under the umbrella of the committee. That includes circles, coffee and donuts, etc. The Pastoral Council wants the Social Justice Committee and the Parish Life Committee to plan a parish wide Service Project (probably to be held in the Fall of 2019). Discussion was held.
 - ACTION ITEM - all members of SJ who work with an organization will contact their group and let Rick know needs that could be considered for the parish service project.

Business Meeting

- A. APRIL 22, 2019 – members by consensus approved minutes as written.
- B. CORRESPONDENCE – Thank you – MICA/Story County Dental Clinic, Ames Ecumenical Council; Notice of expanded hours – Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance
- C. FINANCIALS – Jean
 1. April Financial Report – reviewed
 - **Discretionary Funds** – discretionary funds are currently \$8,461.01. Jean would like to carryover \$2,000 to the 2019-20 budget. Also the discretionary funds will go from two to three months for the next fiscal years. Members were asked to consider ways to spend the remaining discretionary funds before the end of June 2019. They should send their ideas to Jean and she will send them out to members to review before the June 17, 2019 SJ meeting.
 2. 2019-2020 Budget Preparation – discussion held – will be finalized at June meeting
 3. At the November 19, 2018 Social Justice meeting, the Committee discussed individual assistance guidelines talking points given to Deacon Ron from the new Business Manager, Bill Klein. By consensus, the Committee agreed that we currently have guidelines in place, we would adhere to them and revisit the issue before the next fiscal year (2019-2020). Doreen will ask for guidance from Father Jim and bring further discussion to the June 17 meeting.
- D. NEW BUSINESS
 1. Pastoral Council – Sarah (no report)
 2. Rice Bowl – Cynthia (no report)
- E. OLD BUSINESS
 1. Advocacy/Publicity – Lynn
 - SJ Newsletter was in bulletin on May 19, 2019. Stories were done on foster care/adoption and Ames/county summer food/study programs for children. The newsletter is on the parish homepage.
 - The bulletin board has been done (also on the topics mentioned above). She would like to be able to purchase some supplies for the board. Consensus by members is that she should do this and submit a receipt before the end of June. Doreen will also purchase some salmon colored paper for the quarterly newsletter to be printed on.
 2. Respect Life and Social Justice formation – Deacon Ron (no report)
 3. Committee Reports
 - Climate Action Team (CAT) – John (submitted report – attached)
 - AMOS – Kathy Wipf (submitted report – attached)

- AMOS Celebration and Fundraiser is scheduled for Friday, June 28, 7 p.m., UUFA. After discussion it was decided by consensus of SJ members that \$500 from the Outreach/Service Ministry budget line will be given to AMOS as a contribution from St. Cecilia Parish.
- Doreen will send invitation/information postcards to community members who advertise in the bulletin.
- Community ID Program – Nancy (Nancy was not at tonight’s meeting. It was reported that the second ID session was held on May 11 at St. Cecilia’s – the group was happy with the response and the number of people who signed up for IDs)
- Ames Interfaith Refugee Alliance – Nancy – no report
- Good Samaritan – Lynn
 - May food pantry donation – 351 pounds – Gordie Miller
 - June 15-16 – envelopes, cart, food transfer – Tom and Dorothy Sally
- Hunger Collaboration – Doreen
 - Printed report reviewed (copy attached)
- Food At First - Julie
 - April average meals were 70.7 per day
- Good Neighbor – Charlie
 - Charlie attended the presentation of a donation from Golden K Kiwanis
 - A new handout listing hours, assistance available, etc., was handled out to SJ members. It will also be printed in Spanish.
- Restorative Justice – Barb
 - Visits are going well. Barb has seen an increase in parishioners wanting to participate in this ministry.
- Butterfly House – Barb
 - Ladies come and go – stable environment
- Matthew 25 House – Deacon Ron (no report)
- Individual Assistance – Deacon Ron (no report)
- Emergency Residence Project – Julie
 - The ERP Board is looking for a new director
 - Carrie Moser is leaving – she was an awesome director; received many grants
 - Julie is going to conduct a “cleaning workshop” for residents
- Sanctity of Life – Garland (no report)
 - Lynn appreciated the article that Garland and Beth provided on foster care/adoption for the SJ Newsletter
- Home for Awhile – Mary (report submitted) NOTE: Julie will be taking over for Mary. Mary was thanked for her time working with Home for Awhile.
- Days for Girls – Mary (Printed report reviewed - copy attached)
 - NOTE: The Presbyterian Synod of the Lakes and Plains Conference will be held June 20-23 at Gateway Conference Center. Days for Girls will be the hands-on service project. Ames Days for Girls are needed to volunteer.

4. Additional concerns – none

F. Prayer/Adjournment

Upcoming Events: St. Cecilia Parish Ministry Fair – September 7-8, 2019 (NOTE: This is not a SJ Fair)