

# Saint Cecilia Social Justice Minutes

November 16, 2020, 7:00PM, via ZOOM

In Attendance: Deacon Ron Smith, Kathy Wipf, Jarrett Wendt, Mary Ross, Ben Kellen, Lynn Franco, Cynthia Shriver

Recorded by: Cynthia Shriver

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

## BUSINESS MEETING

### A. MINUTES

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

- ### B. CORRESPONDENCE:
- Thank you: The Bridge Home \$950, Good Neighbor , \$760, Wright County Cluster \$990(1 teacher/3 students)

### C. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Pastoral Council – Improvements to the church are coming along.  
The Parish Advent Series, *Rejoice*, has been advertised in the bulletin and participants will need to register to obtain the meditation journals. Everyone is invited to attend the Monday evening masses. There will also be a rosary, a meditation video and adoration each Monday.  
A letter regarding the financial situation of the parish was sent out to all parishioners.
- b. Parish Giving Tree – The Giving Tree this year will be comprised of gift cards. Drop them off in the slot on the northeast wall of the Narthex. Gift cards can be ordered through Scripts.
- c. Alternative Gift Market – Cynthia Shriver. Cynthia met with Father Don to discuss the Alternative Gift Market and CRS Rice Bowl. For the market, shopping lists with instructions on how to safely donate are on the SJ bulletin board. Information about the market will be in the bulletin, Stay Connected and Facebook.
- d. Bethany Life resident Christmas cards: There is a request from Bethany Life for greeting cards, letters and hand drawn pictures for residents in the care center. It has been 244 days since the beginning of restrictions due to the virus. Address to: To Someone Special, 212 Lafayette Avenue, Story City, IA 50248. Ron will ask Doreen how it will be advertised to the parish.

### D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Respect Life and Social Justice formation – No new information.
2. Advocacy/Publicity – Lynn.
  - \*Bulletin Boards. Lynn re-did the bulletin board featuring information on the Black Bag and its history, The Giving Tree and the Immigrant Fund.
  - \*Newsletter (November). The newsletter will be out this week. Kathy volunteered to help with stuffing the bulletin this Friday from 8:30 AM to 9 PM.
3. Committee Reports
  - a. Good Samaritan – Lynn.
    - \*October food pantry donation – 397.5 pounds - Barb and Pat Tallman
    - \*November cart/sign/food delivery – Tom Sally
  - b. AMOS – Kathy Wipf. Written report available.  
AMOS was active in Get Out the Vote.  
At the October meeting, there was much discussion about the importance of developing and sustaining relationships with each other, our fellow citizens and individuals who, because of their elected or appointed status in local government, have power and influence over the common good.
  - c. Immigrants and Refugee Committee – No new information.
  - d. Hunger Collaboration – No new information.

- e. Food at First –Julie. Written report available. There will not be a community Christmas meal this year, only the regular evening meal. (October meals – 3199, average-103/day)
- f. Good Neighbor – Charlie Weber. October Minutes and Financial Assistance reports are available. We need to find a replacement for the annual fundraiser. The fundraiser normally has been the recycled Christmas decorations held in conjunction with the Christmas Market. We are hoping to have the new fundraiser in April which is Good Neighbor month.
- g. The Bridge Home f/k/a Emergency Residence Project – Ben Kellen. The agency has received another grant for the rental of motel rooms. The motel rooms helps with isolation procedures.
- h. Sanctity of Life – Garland Dahlke. Minutes of the November meeting are available.
- i. Climate Action Team (CAT) – John Wilson. No new information.
- j. Jail Ministry
  - \*Butterfly House – There is one person presently in the Butterfly House. Barb has a five month commitment on Mondays but will be back to attending meetings after that time.
  - \*Matthew 25 House – Deacon Ron. No new information.
- k. Home for Awhile – Mary Ross. Written report available.
- l. Days for Girls – Mary Ross. Members are doing a lot of work at home. It is going very well. They did meet on November 12 with Covid restrictions in place.

**E. FINANCIALS**

- a. September Financial Report (Final) not available
- b. October Financial Report (Tentative) not available

**F. Additional Concerns.** Kathy asked about the new guidelines that restrict the inside gathering of no more than fifteen people and how it would affect our religious services. Jarrett said that religious services are exempt. He said parishioners are doing a good job following Covid guidelines.

**G. Closing Prayer** – Jarrett led the closing prayer.