

Saint Cecilia Social Justice Minutes

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

Present: Jarrett Wendt, Deacon Ron Smith, Mary Ross, Doreen Berg, Barb Moore, John Wilson, Nancy Heideman, Kathy Wipf, Lynn Franco, Jean Boot, Cynthia Shriver

Recorded by: Cynthia Shriver

- A. Call to Order – Doreen
- B. Opening prayer – Ron.
- C. Welcome & Introductions. None

BUSINESS MEETING

A. MINUTES

- 1. September Draft Minutes – Cynthia. The minutes were approved by consensus with the following correction. E. e. August Food Pantry Donations-231pounds- transported by Lynn and Terry Franco, September envelopes, cart, food transfer-Lynn and Terry Franco

B. CORRESPONDENCE-Thank you- Story County Dental, \$200 and Friendship Ark, \$250.

B. FINANCIALS – Jean. The final August financial report and the tentative September financial report were reviewed. Food and financial donations were down in September. Possible explanations were discussed such as early departure from Mass and lower attendance.

C. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Pastoral Council – The representative to our committee is yet to be determined.
- 2. Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Information describing the program was presented. We were asked to pass it along to any individuals who might benefit from the program.
- 3. Parish Wide Service Project – Parish Life Committee. No new information
- 4. Senior Care Outreach – Doreen contacted the Story County Senior Care Center and they are willing to set up an account for individuals who cannot afford to pay for things like outings and lunches. **It was decided by consensus that \$200.00 from the Outreach Ministry line be donated to the Center.** We will request a follow-up report from them to determine whether to continue the program

D. OLD BUSINESSGs like

- 1. Respect Life and Social Justice Formation - Ron
<https://www.dbqarch.org/offices/respect-life/respect-life-and-social-justice-formation-for-all/> No new information.
- 2. Advocacy/Publicity – Lynn will be doing a November newsletter so please contact her if you have something to contribute. Photos of the various teams who work at FAF will be in the newsletter and posted on the bulletin board. Additional subjects for the newsletter will be the parish's participation in the city's SunSmart Project and the Christmas Market.
- 3. Committee reports:
 - a. Climate Action Team (CAT) - Climate Crisis Petition – Written report available. John passed around a petition for signatures to present to the Ames City Council asking them to move more quickly to find alternatives to fossil fuel use in Ames. The cost of a single panel in the SunSmart Project has decreased to \$300.00. It is anticipated that the panels will be going up in April/May 2020. The pastoral council needs to decide how to cover the cost of the 65 panels the parish has purchased. John would like to put together another petition to the City Council that emphasizes the need for action based on Christian faith, stewardship responsibility, and forming a movement for the common good of humanity. Please contact John if you can help write an introductory statement.
 - b. AMOS – Kathy
Immigration Event. Written report available. The Civic County Immigration Event, hosted by STC, was a huge success. Several upcoming AMOS events are listed in the written report.
 - c. Ames Sanctuary Interfaith Partners (ASIP). Nancy will speak with Father Jim to see if David Hansen can speak at the church. Nancy reminded us that even though we might not have a physical sanctuary there are many ways we can help such as grocery shopping, transportation to medical appointments, etc.

- d. Ames Interfaith Refugee Alliance – Nancy. The three families currently in the program have met with various degrees of success. The alliance is conducting English lessons for the Sudanese women. There is a teacher but volunteers are needed to work one on one with the individuals. DMACC buys the books and volunteer child care is provided.
- e. Good Samaritan – Lynn will check with the school to determine if there is a way for the school children could help with the loading of the groceries,
 - * September food pantry donation – 309.5 pounds – Tom and Dorothy Sally
 - * October envelopes, cart, food transfer – Gordie Miller
- f. Hunger Collaboration – The new director for the group is Anneke Mundel (UWSC). Doreen provided the minutes from the September 19 and October 17 meetings.
- g. Food at First –August average meals per day - 71.1. The number of meals served this year thru September 2019 - 16, 406.
- h. Good Neighbor – Written report available. Please check with Doreen if you want to view the July and August assistance reports. The fall choir concert fundraiser will be held Sunday, November 10, from 2 PM to 4 PM at Collegiate Presbyterian Church. Volunteers are needed to serve as ushers.
- i. Restorative Justice - Barb said that the new schedule at the Story County Jail is working out.
 - *Butterfly House – Barb reported that there are two residents plus a house mother living there.
 - *Matthew 25 House – Ron. No new information.
- j. Emergency Residence Project – Ben. No new information.
- k. Sanctity of Life – Garland. No new information.
- l. Home for Awhile – Mary. Written report available.
- m. Days for Girls – Mary. Written report available. DfG will participate in the Christmas Market. Since DfG will be one of recipients of funds raised by the Altrusa Tour of Homes, they asked for volunteers to help with the event. Please see Mary if interested.
- n. Additional Concerns. None raised.

E. **In-Service** - Ron showed an excellent video on Catholic Social Justice teachings.

F. **Closing Prayer** – The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Upcoming Events: Good Neighbor 2019 Fall Choral Concert, November 10, 2-4 at Collegiate Presbyterian
 Christmas Market, November 23 (4:30-6:30) and November 24 (9:00-12:30)