

Saint Cecilia Social Justice Minutes

September 16, 2019, 7:00PM, St. Louis Room

Present: Doreen Berg, Jean Boot, Julie Haas, John Wilson, Deacon Ron Smith, Mary Ross, Nancy Heideman, Kathy Wipf, Barb Moore, Rick Brimeyer, Cynthia Shriver

Recorded by: Cynthia Shriver

- A. Call to Order – Doreen
- B. Opening prayer – Ron

BUSINESS MEETING

A. MINUTES

- 1. August Draft Minutes. Approved by consensus

~~B. CORRESPONDENCE.~~ Thank You from Greg Brown/Wellspring Missions

C. **FINANCIALS.** **Jean.** A hard copy of the SJ budget for July1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 was distributed. The financial reports for June, July and August 2019 were reviewed. Financial reports for the previous month will be entitled preliminary since some bills are not received/posted until after we meet.

D. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Pastoral Council – We are waiting for a new representative to be appointed.
- 2. Parish Wide Service Project – Parish Life Committee. Written report available. Rick explained that the parish wide project will be collecting personal paper products to benefit area organizations. Rick is asking the SJ committee to work out a plan to distribute products. Parish Life would be in charge of organizing the collection and storage of donations. It was proposed to have the project in January during Catholic Schools Week. Items will be offered to parish families first.
- 3. Ames Sanctuary Interfaith Partners. Nancy offered to spearhead the project. Individual parishioners can participate but not the parish itself. There was consensus that STC should encourage participation in the project

E. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Advocacy/Publicity – Lynn. No new information.
*Bulletin Board
- 2. August 17/18 Newsletter. Thank you, Lynn.
- 3. Respect Life and Social Justice Formation - Ron
<https://www.dbqarch.org/offices/respect-life/respect-life-and-social-justice-formation-for-all/>
October is Respect Life month. Ron will put the information in the bulletin and he is hoping to schedule a presentation.
- 4. Committee reports:
 - a. Climate Action Team (CAT). John. Written report available. We are encouraged to participate in the demonstration at City Hall on September 20 from 2-4 PM to bring attention to the issues and to advocate for training. A Climate Advocate Training will be held Saturday, September 28.
 - b. AMOS. Kathy Wipf. Written report available. There will be an immigration event on Sunday, October 6, after the 5:00 Mass. A potluck dinner followed by a program is being planned. There will be stories from immigrants and an opportunity for everyone to discuss the issues. AMOS is asking that 10 individuals from each AMOS-Member Partner to attend. Madison Baughman is in charge of childrens' activities.
 - c. Community ID Program. Nancy and Jarrett. The plan for STC helping with the \$8 fee will be as follows. At the first station, if someone says they cannot afford the fee, they will get a coupon to take to the next station. For any coupons submitted by individuals, STC will reimburse the program. \$150 has been set aside to cover potential costs.
There will be a Community I.D. event in Marshalltown on October 26.
 - d. Ames Interfaith Refugee Alliance. Nancy reported that there are three families in the program. There is variation in how well each of the families is doing. The Alliance is a non-profit

organization and donations are tax deductible.

- e. Good Samaritan – Lynn. No new information.
 - * August food pantry donation – 231 pounds – Lynn and Terry Franco
 - * September envelopes, cart, food transfer – Lynn and Terry Franco
 - f. Hunger Collaboration. Doreen. A director has been hired. There was an excellent survey of area food pantries, commissioned by the alliance, about food concerns. ISU students did the analysis. Please email Doreen if you are interested in seeing the report.
 - g. Food at First –Julie. August average meals per day – 74.1, meals, YTD through August 31, 2019, 114,273. Please look for small Corelle sauce dishes for purchase at reduced prices (\$0.50 to \$0.75) at yard sales, Goodwill, etc.
 - h. Good Neighbor – Charlie. The annual choir concert fund raiser will be held at Collegiate Presbyterian on November 10 at 2 PM.
 - i. Restorative Justice. Barb/Ron. Barb said that the program is going well. She lost a few mentors with the change from Saturday AM to Sunday PM.
 - *Butterfly House. Barb. There are presently three residents.
 - *Matthew 25 House. Ron. All is well.
 - j. Emergency Residence Project. Ben. Written report available. The new director is Jodi Stumbo. There will be a plaque for Vic in the house and on the playground. Security cameras are being installed.
 - k. Sanctity of Life – Garland. Written report available. Highlights include announcements for the Iowa March for Life to be held on October 3 at 6 PM at Prairie Meadows and for the first meeting for ISU students to be held September 9 at 8 PM at Sloss House.
 - l. Home for Awhile. Mary. Written report available. A recent opening was given to a mother with two children who had been living with friends.
 - m. Days for Girls. Mary. Written report available. 217 kits were delivered to the pick-up point in Cedar Rapids. DfG has been selected as one of the groups that will benefit from the Holiday Tour of Homes on December 7 and 8.
5. Additional items. The Ministry Fair was a success. Thanks to Deacon Ron and Deacon Charles for being there and answering questions. Doreen obtained the names of three individuals who our interested in the SJ Committee. A question about food at the booths was discussed.

F. Prayer/Adjournment The meeting was adjourned with a prayer.