

**Approved**  
**Social Justice Committee Minutes**  
January 12, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Faith Formation Center in Stacyville, Iowa. We opened with a prayer for Social Justice by Mother Teresa.

Members Present: Annette Uker, Carol Mullenbach, and Margaret Smolik

For our opting prayer, Margaret shared with us the Prayer of Jabez. She also shared a bit about it...In 1 Chronicles 4:10 we read: "And Jabez called on the God of Isreal, saying, Oh that Thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that Thine hand might be with me, and that Thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested."

Old Business:

- The minutes of the November 3, 2014 meeting were read, corrected and approved.
- Financial report: Margaret Smolik ~ for 2014:

Beginning balance	\$800.00
Speaker Nancy Sweetman	-100.00
Grant for Produce Workshop	+375.00
Artwork – Cindy Tolliver	- 35.00
Posters	- 12.00
Fliers for Food Bank bags	- 44.90
Bag Sealer	<u>-169.99</u>
Ending Balance for 2014	\$812.44

New budget was submitted and approved (see attachment).

New Business:

- Annette Uker gave us a Pastoral Minister's Report. We went over the 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections (see attachment). Thank you's from the Mitchell Co. Food Bank and the Iowa Veteran's Home were shared.
- The group discussed upcoming collections as well. Annette received several ideas as to where funds could possible go.
- We discussed a Catholic Charities Flyer and talked about attaching it to a future bulletin.
- There will be no Hunger Banquet during Lent this year.
- We discussed a "Back to School" collection beginning and through July. Items will be collected and given to local schools to have on hand for those who don't have a box of crayons or pencils/folders notebooks. Carol will research the St. Ansgar and Osage schools to see where these items can be left off. Carol will decorate boxes for Visitation and Annette will take care of the drop boxes for Sacred Heart.

Margaret led us in closing prayer. Next meeting will be held in Osage on Monday evening, April 6. At 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Mullenbach, Secretary