

Approved
Social Justice Committee Minutes
January 15, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the St. Isidore Catholic Center, Osage, Iowa.

Members Present: Annette Uker, Carol Mullenbach, and Margaret Smolik . We opened with a prayer for the Marginalized.

Old Business:

- The minutes of the October 2, 2017 meeting were read, corrected and approved.
- Margaret updated us on a potential upcoming speaker from Catholic Charities on the topic of Immigration and Refugee Resettlement. She visited with both Tracy Morrison, the Executive Director of Catholic Charities and also with Steve Schmitz. Tentative time from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Will discuss more at the upcoming meeting in April 2nd. Annette handed out a Booklet entitled, “A Culture of Encounter: Migration and Refugee Parish Toolkit” from the Arch Diocese website regarding Immigration and Refugee Resettlement. We will review this prior to the April Meeting. Many questions, especially in light of the DACA changes.

New Business:

- Financial report: Margaret Smolik reported that nothing has changed. We still have \$350 left in our budget.
- We went over the collections for the past few month and visited about upcoming collections. We decided that the February collection would be for the Souper Bowl of Caring. The March collection will be for Ronald McDonald House out of Rochester. April’s collection will be for Catholic Heart Workcamp. In May we will probably collect for Sister Water Project.
- Annette was in touch with Julie Johnson from the Mitchell County Sheriff’s office. The jail does have some religious materials available to prisoners. She encouraged visitors and gave Annette the visitor’s schedules which are Tuesdays and Thursday from 2 to 4. They do have a female prisoner right now that Margaret and Annette may go to visit this week or next. Bible Studies would have to be initiated by an ordained pastor.

We closed the meeting with a prayer for the Imprisoned.

Next Meeting will be held at the home of Carol Mullenbach on Monday evening, April 2, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Mullenbach, Secretary