

**Approved**  
**Social Justice Committee Minutes**

January 4, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Isidore Catholic Center, Osage Iowa. We opened with a New Year prayer for Social Justice.

Members Present: Annette Uker, Carol Mullenbach, Margaret Smolik, Julie Neeley, and Jo Popp

**Old Business:**

- The minutes of the August 3, 2015 meeting were read, corrected and approved. They will be submitted to Jo Popp and Annette Uker who will make sure they are forwarded for publication.
- Human Trafficking speaker, Sister Emily Divine, sent a letter of thanks and returned \$50 back to our funds for future education purposes. She also sent us the DVD that she had difficulty with that night for us to show at a future time.
- Jo Popp reported that she and several others attended one of the "Community Meals". She said a nice group of about 70-75 people were there. It was very nice. We will be doing the February, 2016 meal on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Volunteers have been contacted and are willing to prepare the meal with items that will be given by the food bank. Some will be greeters. If help is needed, we may be contacted.
- Margaret will look into having Julie Marley speak at our next meeting in April on Prison Ministries.

**New Business:**

- Annette Uker gave us a Pastoral Minister's Report. We went over the 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections. Collections are going well. We still have @ \$492.77 to spend on children's clothes for schools (hats, mittens, gloves, snow pants). Carol will look into getting these items purchased and divided between Osage and St. Ansgar Elementary Schools.
- Several thank you cards were read from recent collections (Sister Emily's, Frances Lauer Youth Center, Food Bank, North Central Right to Life, St. Stephen Witness, Lincoln Elementary, St. Ansgar Elementary, Barbara Brumm had also received a thank you from the Faas Family who suffered a fire in December. Coats, snow pants, hats, mittens, were taken from the funds to purchase these items for them. Carol will get the receipt to Annette for payment.
- A monetary collection was accidently taken in September, 2015 at one of the Masses at Sacred Heart. It was sent to North Central Right to Life (thank you card was read).
- Collections for bottle caps (harder plastic lids) is also going well in both congregations. We visited about getting them together to mail out. They will need to be sorted and then decide how we will pay to get them to Florida.
- Pop tab collections are going well too. Carol communicated to Julie Brumm of Stacyville and Marcia Angell of Osage to keep an eye on the pop tabs and deliver to their fire departments as they see fit.
- Red Lake Indian Reservation sent a poster of their children. It has been hung in Sacred Heart for a few weeks. Carol will take to Visitation to hang for a few weeks as well.
- Financial report: Margaret Smolik reported that the budget was at \$812.44. A check was written to Sister Emily for the Human Trafficking session for \$200.00. Carol was reimbursed for juice, coffee and items for the meeting (napkins, cups, etc.) in the amount of \$26.07. Sister Emily refunded us \$50, leaving a balance of \$636.37 in our budget.
- The next few collections will be as follows: January was for the Salvation Army, February will be for the "Souper" Bowl, March we will either do Missouri Flood Victims or Catholic Heart Work Camp/NCYC. April will be for Steve Weis (Carol will contact Steve to find out when his next Mission Trip to Haiti is scheduled) and in May we will be doing a monetary/physical Baby Collection for St. Joseph's Baby Pantry in Mason City (Carol will get a list of items most needed and make up the posters and collection boxes).

The meeting closed with the Social Justice Prayer.

Next Meeting will be held again in Osage on Monday evening, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Mullenbach, Secretary