

Approved
Social Justice Committee Minutes
October 2, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Carol Mullenbach.

Members Present: Annette Uker, Jo Popp, Carol Mullenbach, Julie Neeley, Marlys Rogers, and Margaret Smolik. Annette shared a Prayer for Those Imprisoned.

Old Business:

- The minutes of the August 7, 2017 meeting were read, corrected and approved. They will be forwarded to Annette for publication.
- Margaret updated us on a potential upcoming speaker from Catholic Charities on the topic of Immigration and Refugee Resettlement. She visited with Tracy Morrison, the Executive Director of Catholic Charities. Dates are still pending, but tentatively scheduled around the first part of April, 2018. (Thursday 5th, 12th, or 19th). Tentative time from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Will discuss more at the upcoming meetings.
- End of Life Speaker, Michael Ward was attended by approximately 20 parishioners. Another meeting will be held on November 5th after the 10:45 a.m. mass in Riceville with speaker, Sister Mary Edith Hart.

New Business:

- Financial report: Margaret Smolik reported that our budget was lowered by \$150 due to the amount given to Michael Ward for speaking on the End of Life meeting on 9/14/2017. Balance available is now at \$350.
- There was no “collection” in September – we were to pray for “unborn”. Then there ended up being a collection for Hurricane’s Harvey & Erma of \$3,838 total. The month of October was the CROP Walk collection of \$642.17. In November we will do a monetary collection as well as a physical collection for Northern Lights Alliance (men & women’s shelters). Carol created laminated posters for the doors at both churches for a collection of Socks, Underwear & Toiletries. December will be the annual collection for the Mitchell County Food Bank. January will be the collection for the Salvation Army (police station) and February will be the “Souper Bowl” of Caring. March – possibly The Shared Table? Will discuss at January’s meeting.
- We also have requests for collections for: Sister Water Project and Ronald McDonald House
- Annette had several handouts that she shared including information on the upcoming DEW in Cedar Falls with Fr. George Karnik. Annette and Carol showed interest in going (as well as former Social Justice member, Laura Wynorad). Information on Prison Ministries was shared as Annette attended a seminar on this topic. The Northern Lights Alliance handout that will be put with the bulletin for November’s collection was shared as well. The Archdiocesan Official Bulletin was also reviewed. She also shared the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Intercessory Prayers for the Marginalized which we used as our closing prayer.

Next Meeting will be held at the Saint Isidore Catholic Center in Osage on Monday evening, January 15, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Mullenbach, Secretary