

Approved
Social Justice Committee Minutes

April 4, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Isidore Catholic Center, Osage Iowa. An opening Prayer of Social Justice was shared.

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

Old Business:

- The minutes of the January 4, 2016 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.
- Margaret had contacted Julie Marley to speak at our next meeting in April on Prison Ministries. She will be unable to attend the meeting tonight, but she will try our next meeting. In the meantime, Annette Uker shared "Bringing Mercy to Those in Prison" articles that explains a lot about this mission for us to review.
- Flint Michigan (Water issue needs). Our parish sent \$95 (part of \$2000 sent from area parishes).
- Children's books ~ We have collected over 192 books!!! The food bank feels they have plenty for now. Other uses for some of these books? Put in the back of churches? Baby Pantry for older children. Will leave boxes in the back of church for a bit yet. Maybe remove when we do the baby pantry items?

New Business:

- Annette Uker gave us a Pastoral Minister's Report. We went over the 2nd Collections. Collections are going well. Of the remaining \$492.77 to spend on children's clothes for schools (hats, mittens, gloves, snow pants), Carol spent approximately \$455.00 of this and delivered to Osage and Saint Ansgar schools these items. Some of these were delivered to the Faas family in Stacyville after their fire in early December.
- Collections for bottle caps (harder plastic lids) was ceased earlier in March. We have roughly 6 garbage sacks that we will need to sift through. We visited about getting them together to sort them and mail out, perhaps on a Saturday morning.
- Next "Shared Table" for our parish will be in August. Annette will keep us up to date if help is needed.
- Pop tab collections are going well too. Carol took one batch to the Stacyville Fire Dept. and it was reported that the ones in Osage had been picked up as well. We will continue collecting these for both Fire Departments.
- Financial report: Margaret Smolik reported that there were no changes in our budget if \$812.44. We voted on a budget for next year. It was decided to drop the education portion of the budget and only request \$350 for speakers, \$100 for donations and \$50 for postage for a total budget of \$500.00. Annette will submit this budget request for our committee.
- The next few collections will be as follows: May: Baby Pantry (Carol will get a list of items most needed and make up the posters and collection boxes and get this to Annette for publication in the bulletin. She will also check on the possibility of them taking gently used baby swings, bath seats, etc.). June: Crisis Intervention – monetary only. July: Red Lake Indian Reservation?? (Margaret will check on their needs for a physical collection as well as monetary) August: Steve Weis collection for Haiti.

Articles were shared on the Social Justice Committee in Riceville – Random Acts of Kindness/"Shed that Fed a Million Children" Educating those interest on April 6th at 5:15 in Riceville. Also we should note the article on the Dubuque website regarding the "End of Life".

The meeting closed with the Social Justice Prayer.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Mullenbach, Secretary