

Approved
Social Justice Committee Minutes
April 7, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Faith Formation Center, Osage Iowa.

Members Present: Annette Uker, Carol Mullenbach, Margaret Smolik, Mary Anne Carmody, and a new member, Jennifer Metz

“If I look at the mass (of people/countries that need help), I will never act...but if I look at one, I will.”

Old Business:

- The minutes of the October 28, 2013 meeting were read and approved with some grammatical corrections. They will be submitted to Mary Anne Carmody and Annette Uker who will make sure they are forwarded for publication.
- Financial report: Margaret Smolik submitted for approval the budget for the Social Justice Committee (see attachment).

New Business:

- Annette Uker gave us a Pastoral Minister’s Report. We went over the 2nd Collections (see attachment). They seem to have subsided a bit, but are still doing good, so we will continue with them. This next month we will be collecting items for the Crisis Intervention Center of North Iowa. We will be collecting microwaveable food items, queen sized sheets, bath towels, fast food gift cards, gas gift cards. We also discussed June Collection going to Harmony Ranch and our July collection for the Veterans Home. (We need to keep in mind “Common Hope” – Dave & Betty Huebsch for an upcoming collection. 8th Grade Class in Osage wanted a collection for them.)
- Annette said that speaker Nancy Sweetman will be speaking at the Osage Public Library on April 29th at 6:30 p.m. and will present definitions of poverty and causes of poverty. The overall goal will be to increase understanding of poverty and how it impacts all of our lives. Be sure to try to attend!
- Laura Wynorad attended to get our thoughts on her applying for an Iowa Cancer Consortium Grant for a Summer Garden Produce Workshop. The monies would be used to help the needy of our community take fresh garden produce and either freeze or can it for their use. We would need parishioners help in doing several workshops. Everyone on the committee was in support of this idea. Laura had run this past Leo Chisholm to see if she could put flyers in the sacks/boxes of those people coming to the food bank, so they could come to learn and receive frozen or canned fresh produce. He thought it was a good idea too. Laura said she would apply for this grant and we will discuss further if the grant is approved.
- Discussion on Dignity and Rights of women in our society followed.

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

Respectfully submitted, Carol Mullenbach, Secretary