

Approved
Social Justice Committee Minutes
June 1, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Carol Mullenbach. We opened with a prayer for Social Justice by Mother Teresa.

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

Old Business:

- The minutes of the April 6, 2015 meeting were read & corrected. Jo made a motion to approve them as corrected and Margaret seconded the motion. All were in favor. They will be submitted to Jo Popp and Annette Uker who will make sure they are forwarded for publication.
- Annette read a thank you note from Steve Weis. The collection was very timely as they are now purchasing medical supplies for their trip in November.

New Business:

- Annette Uker gave us a Pastoral Minister's Report. We went over the 2nd Collections. We discussed upcoming collections. We will have the back to school collection boxes set up in the backs of church all of July. The July collection will also be for back to school items. Annette will put a write-up in the bulletin. Carol will put something together. The monetary collection will be used to purchase items that were not collected.
- The August collection will be monetary only for the Frances Lauer Center in Mason City. Annette will research a write up on-line for this organization.
- We also discussed the November collection. Possibly the Baby Pantry in Mason City along with baby supplies for the Pantry as they are always in need of certain items. Carol will call to get a list of things they need in October and get boxes and signs made.
- Future possibilities:
 - 1) Rosebud Indian Reservation (Marvin/Marilyn Rice) ~ Margaret will call to get more information on this organization.
 - 2) Children's Clothing for teacher's rooms – i.e. sweat pants, t-shirts, underwear various sizes, socks, caps and mittens.
- Margaret will contact Julie Marley about coming to the next meeting to discuss Prison Ministries.
- Julie will contact Sister Emily Divine to see if she would be interested in speaking to both congregations regarding Human Trafficking.

- It was decided that we would start the collection of pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Carol will contact the Osage and Stacyville fire departments (St. Ansgar??) to see if they both still collect these. She will also get containers ready for both churches.
- Jo will contact the Can Redemption Center in Osage to set up an account there for people to donate their 5 cent cans to St. Isidore Youth Group. Carol will check with Thome's Grocery in Stacyville to see if they would like to do the same. St. Ansgar??
- Jo brought more information on collecting for harder plastic water bottle lids. We will set up containers for these as well.

Financial report: Margaret Smolik reported there have been no changes to our account since the last report was given. Account is at \$812.44.

The meeting closed with another Social Justice Prayer by Cardinal O'Brien.

Next Meeting will be held at the St. Isidore Cluster Catholic Center on Monday evening, August 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Mullenbach, Secretary