

Approved
Social Justice Committee Minutes
June 2, 2014

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

Members Present: Annette Uker, Carol Mullenbach, Margaret Smolik, and Julie Neeley
Also present: Laura Wynorad to discuss the St. Isidore Food Preservation Workshop

Old Business:

- The minutes of the April 7, 2014 meeting were read. They will be submitted to Mary Anne Carmody and Annette Uker who will make sure they are forwarded for publication.
- Financial report: Margaret Smolik reported that we received approval for the budget of \$800 that was submitted. Thus far \$100 was used to pay the speaker Nancy Sweetman. It was also discussed to help with the St. Isidore Food Preservation Workshop if the grant that was applied for is not approved.

New Business:

- Annette Uker gave us a Pastoral Minister's Report. We went over the 2nd Collections. They seem to have slowed even more, but could be due to summer months & low attendance at church due to vacations. This past month (May) we collected both \$\$ and items for the Crisis Intervention Center of North Iowa. Total \$1,066.85 collected was \$689.85 from Sacred Heart and \$377.00 from Visitation. This will be delivered to the Crisis Center along with several boxes of towels, sheets, and food items requested. The June Collection will be going to Harmony Ranch. The amount of \$700.50 will be mailed to them (\$367.50 from Sacred Heart and \$333.00 from Visitation). For our July collection, we will be doing a monetary collection as well as items from a list the Veterans Home provided. Annette has graciously offered to deliver them down to Marshalltown for us. We have decided to earmark the \$ collected during the 2nd collection in July to go ½ towards the Special Activities Account and ½ to go to the Christmas Fund. For the August collection, we've decided it should go towards "Common Hope" –an organization founded by Dave & Betty Huebsch. The 8th Grade Faith Formation Class in Osage wanted a collection for them.
- Annette shared with us a letter from Pastor Bryan from Our Savior's Lutheran Church regarding the food bank and items needed on a regular basis. Margaret will include this information in the next Newsletter.
- Annette also gave each of us a listing of Social Justice Committee's Functions and Goals and asked that we each go over these and try to summarize in a few sentences what we feel that we "do" as a group. She also encouraged each of us to try to bring ONE more new member in from our parishes.
- Laura Wynohrad attended to nail down a few dates for the St. Isidore Food Preservation Workshop. The application has been submitted to the Iowa Cancer Consortium Grant for this Summer Garden Produce Workshop. She should hear

back from them sometime after the 19th of June. She will keep us posted. Our dates will be July 26th to freeze green beans, August 23rd to freeze corn and September 20th to can tomatoes. The Social Justice committee will meet with Laura W. in the Sacred Heart Kitchen on July 7th to look over equipment that we will need and to learn how to run the sealer that Laura will purchase and to discuss recipes that we will use.

The next regular Social Justice Meeting will be held in Osage on Monday evening, August 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Mullenbach, Secretary