

Approved
Social Justice Committee Minutes
October 17, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Meeting Room in Osage. Members present were Annette Uker, Julie Neeley, and Carol Mullenbach. Unable to attend were Jo Popp and Marlys Rogers. We welcomed back Laura Wynorad to our Committee and new member, Delores Poohl. The Stewardship prayer was read.

The minutes of the November 4, 2019 meeting were read. Annette made a motion to approve them as read and Julie Neeley seconded the motion.

Budget report: Unavailable until needed. Will address at that time.

Old Business: Annette handed out Social Justice Committee information from the Archdiocese Handbook, for new members and as a reminder to us all after our break from meeting. We also reviewed the past few years 2nd collections.

New Business:

Annette went over some of the Catholic Social Teachings that the 4th Graders used in the past. She has good examples of books that have been used in past years. In visiting with Tammy Lamb, the Social Teachings are incorporated in the curriculum being used in many grades at both Parishes.

Future 2nd collections were discussed. October – Miracle Tree, November – Wings of Refuge, December – Hope for Life Pregnancy Center in Charles City*, January – Salvation Army, February – Souper Bowl, March – Catholic Heart Work Camp, April – Catholic Relief, May – Sister Water Project, June – Relay for Life, July – Totus Tuus, August – Mary's Meals. Annette will be putting thank you's in the bulletin as we receive them. She also hopes to publish the \$\$ amounts that is received in order to hopefully increase the collections as they have been down since COVID. *(Annette brought this organization up to us. Lisa Friesen stopped by the office and informed them of their need.)

An email was read from Steve Weis. Due to the continued violence in Haiti, their medical group is not planning to travel there at this time. However they are planning a trip to the Dominican Republic instead. They already have their trip planned at this time, but would appreciate future support when they can get back to Haiti. He will keep us informed.

Annette brought to our attention that there are several families from Puerto Rico who need welcoming to our community. If we know of anyone who can spend some time with them and show them around Osage to let her or Father Ray know.

Annette reminded us that we do have information on Advance Care Planning, if anyone should have need of that information. This could be a future meeting/speaker opportunity at a later time as the last meeting was well attended.

Laura had sent information about Building the Vision. Annette looked into it a bit, but it wanted membership, so she didn't get too deep into it. Laura may research this a little more for our next meeting to see what it all entails.

Annette shared information on a program called Walking with Mom's. They had a webinar last month. It appears St. Edward's parish in Waterloo has a program. We also discussed a survey that Catholic Charities sent out. We went over the information that they wanted. Annette will email them back our information.

We also had the opportunity to visit with Michael (Mike) Uker, Annette's son, who is currently teaching down in Guatemala. He has a friend who has set up a Mission City in part of the jungles of Honduras. He will be visiting this Mission sometime in the next month or two and keep us posted as to any needs this gentleman may have to help these children who he is rescuing from trafficking, the dumps, and other orphans.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 16th at 5:30 p.m. at the meeting room at Sacred Heart. Laura plans to invite a guest at this time to speak to us about how the Salvation Army fund at the police station works when someone comes to them in need.

The meeting closed with "Longing for the Holy" prayer by Father Ron Rolheiser.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Mullenbach