## Social Justice Committee Minutes November 13, 2023 Approved

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Meeting Room in Osage. Members present were Annette Uker, Julie Neeley, Laura Wynohrad, Delores Poohl, Jo Popp, and Carol Mullenbach.

An opening prayer, Prayer for Autumn Days, was read together.

The minutes of the August 7, 2023 meeting were read. Jo Popp made a motion to approve them as read and Laura Wynohrad seconded the motion.

## Old Business:

2<sup>nd</sup> collections were discussed. Annette shared our collections from the past three years. Upcoming collections will be Sister Water Project (this month's collection), Mitchell Co. Food Banks in December (food collections at both locations as well), January will be Salvation Army, and February will be for the Souper Bowl of Caring during Super Bowl weekend.

We discussed the Grid Shock movie that was shared in September and October. Many attended. Laura said she was contacted by our two guest speakers, Steph Taets and Jess Clayton and they would like to see us show this again. We discussed that possibility perhaps during Lent in March. We will discuss more at our February 2024 Meeting. (Bridges Mentoring/Confirmation Students to be sent invitations to attend?) Three thank-you's were read from the recipients of the collection: Wings of Refuge \$184; Dorothy's House \$170 and Family Resources Development Office in Davenport \$170. We also read thank you's from Mary's Meals and the Share Shoppe for donations to them as well.

Carol gave an update on prison ministry after visiting with Sherriff Greg Beaver. He welcomed all of our suggestions, including reading material to go into their library for prisoners to check out. We signed a few "thinking of you" cards for him to give to prisoners as well. Books and Christmas cards/stamps for prisoners to send to their family members will be gathered at Sacred Heart. Carol will collect and deliver to Sherriff Beaver.

## **New Business:**

Annette reminded us of the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign. Ring the bell if you can!! Donate too!

Our next meeting will be on Monday, February 19, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the meeting room at Sacred Heart.

The meeting closed with Intercessory Prayers: The Marginalized.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Mullenbach Secretary