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## SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, September 22, 2025

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, Peace Prayer of St. Francis was read.

The minutes of the May 19, 2025 meeting were read, corrected and unanimously approved.

Old Business: Thank-you cards were read from the Bridges Mentoring – one for the parishes 2<sup>nd</sup> collections and one from an anonymous donor from one of the parishes for \$1,000 that was sent directly to them. Thank-you cards were also shared from the American Cancer Society and from the Catholic Charities for the California Fire Relief.

Baby bottle collection for Hope Family Resource Center in Charles City thanked us for donations of \$393 and \$148 from the parishes.

Annette shared with us the past collections from October 2024 to current.

New Business:

2<sup>nd</sup> Collections:       October – CROP Walk  
                                  November – Wings of Refuge (or Magdeline's – or split)  
                                  December – Food Banks  
                                  January – Salvation Army

Annette was approached by Diane Sullivan (Reis family) about doing a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for the Red Lake Indian Reservation. She indicated to Diane that we would have a collection in 2026.

Laura Wynohrad will check in with someone from Wings of Refuge and from Magdeline's Light (Charles City) to see if they'd like to take part in our showing of Grid Shock. She has already checked with Jess Clayton and Steph Taets from the Crisis Team, and both of them would like to take part and answer any questions. The date we have in mind is Sunday afternoon October 26 from 2-4 to show Grid Shock, have speakers and Q & A session. Then serve coffee/water and bars/cookies. We will stay in touch via email.

Bulletin announcements will be put in regarding October being Respect Life Month. There will also be posters put on display in both Churches. Announcements were recently put in

regarding Seasons of Creation (which tied in with Ember Days which Pope Leo has brought back). Other announcements will include information on the Crop Walk, and Pilgrims of Hope (along with an invitation to learn more). If there is enough interest, we may host a meeting with regards to this topic.

Annette also shared with us a list of “Basic Need Resources in Mitchell County” that was received from Pastor Dixie. It includes info for “Food”, “Utilities”, “Affordable Housing/Rent Assistance”, “General Resources” and “Crisis Intervention”. Good information to have.

Our next meeting will be on TUESDAY, January 13<sup>th</sup> after Mass in Osage at 9:15 a.m. in the Meeting Room at Sacred Heart.

The meeting closed with a prayer, Respect Life.

Respectfully submitted – Carol Mullenbach – Secretary