

Social Concerns Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2019

Committee Members: Eva Moritz, Tonia Land, Bruce Mehlhop, Paul Carlson, Patsy Carlson, Jean McPherson, Christine Yoder, Doris Larkins and Bart Black

Members in Attendance: Patsy Carlson, Paul Carlson, Doris Larkins, Eva Moritz and Jean McPherson

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Tithe of the Tithe:

\$3,000	Mary's Meals
\$2,640	Catholic Charities, Counseling Programs
\$1,000	DMARC
\$1,000	Connection Café
<u>\$1,000</u>	Center for Social Ministry (CSM)
\$8,640	Total for June and July Funds

Eva will prepare a brief write-up for Mary's Meals and the Catholic Worker House for the bulletin and the kiosk, one each month, for September and October. Jean will prepare the write-up of the Ankeny Service Center to get in the next available bulletin as funds were distributed to them in August.

Activity Calendar:

It was decided to remove the past years' Activity Calendars from the website. Instead, we will summarize the regular occurring activities that the committee is responsible for, as well as other projects, meals, etc., which might not be on a regular basis. Jean will prepare that summary and submit it to the other members for their review and edit before asking Mike Gatzke to replace what is on the website currently.

Reverse Collection for School Supplies (Fresh Start):

Doris gave an update on the successful reverse collection of school supplies as part of the Ankeny citywide school supply drive. St. Luke parishioners were very generous.

Catholic Worker House:

Eva reported that the meal items and volunteer sign-up filled up quickly for the last two meals. The next meal is September 28th and that menu will be walking tacos. Patsy and Jean will coordinate October's meal.

Emotional/Mental Health and Wellness Presentation:

Harmony Linden is our guest speaker on September 17, from 6-7 pm. It was decided to serve a simple soup supper at 5:30 before the presentation. Committee members (Patsy, Eva, Doris, Jean) will make soup and we'll bring bread and crackers.

Paul will modify the article that was in the last bulletin and have Vicki put it in the next bulletin and will also have it sent to OLIH. He will ask Julie Shannon if she is able to attend. Patsy will contact representatives at NAMI and Passage Ways to extend an invitation to them as well.

Meals From the Heartland:

- Scheduled for October 8 in the gym.
- Eva will create the Sign-up Genius.
- Patsy will get in touch with Misty Hade to work out the scheduled times for the school kids. She'll coordinate the discussion between Ms. Hade and Mike Franzen with Meals from the Heartland.
- We want to make sure we coordinate someone to say a brief prayer at the beginning of each shift.
- It would be nice to have the short video used in the past available to play again for each shift.

Winter Apparel Drive:

Eva will prepare a notice to for the next and future bulletins asking families to identify winter clothing they can donate (new or used) as they prepare their own families for cold weather. Eva and Jean will coordinate this drive. Patsy suggested we talk to Pete Haack to learn what he may be having the RE students working on. Patsy will talk to Pete about this.

Angel Tree / Christmas:

The parish has had the Angel Tree Project for a few years. It has been very successful. We have discussed options to do it again this year, weighing the pros and cons of buying all the gifts or providing only gift cards to families, allowing them the opportunity to purchase items for their own children. Further discussion and decision needed.

We closed in prayer.