

**Social Concerns Meeting Minutes**  
**January 28, 2020**

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

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Tithe of the Tithe for November and December Funds

\$2,000	Set Me Free Project (Featured Guest at Human Trafficking Seminar)
\$1,500	Catholic Relief Services – Hurricane Relief
\$1,500	Dorothy’s House
\$1,500	Catholic Worker House
<u>\$1,500</u>	St. Joseph’s Family Shelter
\$8,000	Total

Jean will post the flyer previously distributed, re: Stop Human Trafficking, right away on the kiosk in the narthex and it can be left up through February.

Patsy will prepare a write-up for the Sister Water Project (funds were sent to them from October’s tithes) and submit it to the office to be placed in an upcoming bulletin, the website, the Facebook page and posted on the kiosk in the narthex (in March). Note to include their video link.

Catholic Worker House

The last meal was served January 25 .

Follow-Up on Angel Tree

Doris, Reta and Jean discussed the success of the Angel Tree, but noted a couple of things we would do differently next year. We hope to have more time between getting the families assigned from the Ankeny Service Center and when the gifts are to be returned to them. Also, we will want to put 2 or 3 contact names and phone numbers in the information provided parishioners so that we can be contacted if a gift can’t be purchased or returned timely. We didn’t count the gifts and gift cards, but it did seem people were responsive to our preference for gift cards.

### Human Trafficking Awareness Seminar – January 29

This seminar is being held tomorrow, and we went over last minute details. Pete will have the requested equipment set up. The Parish Council will be providing a light snack at 7:00. Two guest speakers: Madison Kuhn of the “Set Me Free Project” and Sgt. Corey Schneden, Lead of the Ankeny Police Department’s “Community Engagement Team.” Reta will read an opening prayer, and Jean will introduce the speakers.

### List of Activities, Events and Projects for the Website

We reviewed a bulleted list of items done by this committee for the last three calendar years. Some edits were made and Jean will submit this to Mike Gatzke to replace what is currently on the website. The team agreed we should work on a document to plan this year’s events and then we can easily update the website each year. Put on next agenda?

### Love Lunches

We have been asked if St. Luke’s might be interested in joining several other Ankeny churches in providing lunches throughout the summer. Jan Brown of OLIH is the person who reached out to us about this. Doris agreed to discuss with Jan and go to the next planning session to learn more about the program. We have donated some tithe of the tithe to this organization in the past.

### Next Meeting

The next Social Concerns meeting will be March 24, 2020.

We closed in prayer.