

**Social Concerns Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2021**

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

Members in Attendance: Doris Larkins, Paul Carlson, Christine Yoder and Jean McPherson

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We opened in prayer.

Catholic Worker House – 4th Saturday of every month

Donations of food for the meal continue to be consistent. Two or three volunteers to help serve the meal are needed; the food is still being served through the window and not inside.

Family Promise

Christine reported there were three families sheltered this week, including several children. She and Eva collected and delivered the food for the evening meal August 17.

Project Fresh Start

Doris reported there was a great response with donations and cash brought in over the August 21-22 weekend Masses. The FSA also collected supplies at their social function that weekend.

Meals From the Heartland Packaging Event – October 12

Eva has prepared the Sign-Up Genius for this parish-wide event, and Jean will get the information to the office for the next weekly Happenings e-mail and bulletin. Misty Hade and Nick Rahe will work on the scheduling of the school's students for the afternoon of October 12. Staff at MFTH will come out for a site visit next week.

Tithe of the Tithe

Committee members agreed that the amount allocated for Tithe of the Tithe (for the months of July and August) should be distributed as follows:

Meals From the Heartland	\$1,800.00 (set aside for event)
Ruth Harbor	<u>\$ 833.37</u>
	\$2,633.37

Baby Quilts Donated for Distribution

A parishioner was given 15 beautiful hand-made baby quilts by a friend, and was asked to find an organization that could distribute them to individual families. The Social Concerns Team agreed to do so. After checking with 3 Des Moines area shelters, it was decided to donate them to the Youth Emergency Services & Shelter (YESS).

Winter Coat and Outwear Drive

We decided to organize another winter coat drive the weekend of October 23-24. We will put the bins out the Wednesday afternoon (October 20) before that weekend, so that items can be brought in as RE meets. We'll get the message out via the weekly e-mail, the bulletin and the RE family notification process. Donated items will be distributed to House of Mercy, the Catholic Worker House and Catholic Charities' Refugee Services.

Update on Ankeny's "Love Lunches" Program

Doris reported that this program served lunches at the East side site on Tuesdays and Thursdays. (In years past, there have been two sites and lunches were served Monday through Friday). The total number of lunches served was 2,000 averaging 85 on the days they served. While we did not participate or contribute this summer, we intend to keep it on our agenda for next year as a possibility for funds and/or volunteers.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 23, at 7:00 PM