

Social Concerns Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2023

Committee Members: Reta Althaus, Sharon Anderson, Meghan Bramlage, Patsy Carlson, Paul Carlson, Doris Larkins, Jean McPherson, Eva Moritz, Carmen Santee, Daniela Sarti and Christine Yoder

Members in Attendance: Reta Althaus, Sharon Anderson, Meghan Bramlage, Patsy Carlson, Paul Carlson, Doris Larkins, Jean McPherson, and Carmen Santee

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Opening Prayer

Patsy led us in prayer

USCCB's Seven Tenants of Catholic Social Teaching

Patsy provided us with a handout that was a good reference tool for this committee when it was first formed several years ago. We didn't discuss it in detail, but all agreed to read it for future discussions.

Committee Structure and Roles

Doris the new Chairperson. Reta is the timekeeper for the meetings. Patsy is the Faith Formation Leader. We need a scribe for each meeting. Jean will take minutes and get them to Doris this month.

Catholic Worker House Meals

The next meals are scheduled for January 28, February 25 and March 25 (4th Saturday of each month).

Sister Parish Relationship – Father Ryan

Father Ryan will be speaking to this group at the next meeting. He wants to discuss a possible relationship with another parish as is done in many other Catholic Parishes. While St. Luke's has not done this in the past, we have regularly donated some Tithes of the Tithes funds to the Lakota Tribe at Pine Ridge, SD, where there are six Catholic parishes.

St. Luke's Angel Tree

We received a letter of thanks from the Ankeny Service Center and we put a thank you in a recent bulletin. If we decide to do this again next year, we know we will want to communicate it to our parishioners earlier in the Christmas season.

Possible Topics for Guest Speakers

Discussed possible topics and agreed we will want to work with David Reising, Director of Faith Formation on this. We will also consider what the Knights of Columbus may be planning. As we come across news articles or events that may interest this group, communicate that to the other members. Send a copy of the article or a link to a story, interview, etc.

Love Lunches

Following a discussion on this past Summer's Love Lunches and our two-weeks' experience, we agreed we would not host this Summer, but would still let our parishioners know how to volunteer directly with the program's coordinator.

Rice Bowl During Lent

Patsy will lead the activities for the Rice Bowl again this year. We agreed on an additional activity such as the Catholic Social Ministry's "Poverty Simulation Program" for a parish activity in Lent. Patsy will talk to Father Ken and Nick Rahe.

Project Fresh Start

This is the school supply drive in which we have participated in past years. Doris will find out if they will be looking for participants to donate items or funds.

Tithe of the Tithe from November and December Tithes

Catholic Charities Outreach Center - Food Pantry	\$1,670
House of Mercy	\$1,670
Mary's Helping Hands	\$1,670
St. Joseph Emergency Family Shelter	<u>\$1,670</u>
	\$6,680

Next Meeting

Our next regularly scheduled meeting is at 7:00 PM on Monday, March 20, 2023. The location is in the conference room in the parish office.