

Social Concerns Meeting Minutes
July 26, 2022

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

Members in Attendance: Reta Althaus, Terri Hannan, Jean McPherson and Christine Yoder

Terri Hannan has joined our committee! Welcome, Terri.

Send all minutes to Father Ken Halbur (frken@slte.org), Annette Bailey (Annette.bailey@slte.org), Mike Gatzke (webmaster@saintluketheevangelist.org), and Jennifer Joensen (jjoensen@me.com)

Opening Prayer

Reta led us in prayer.

Family Promise at OLIH

We have agreed to host two nights on this rotation, August 8 and 9. A Sign-up Genius has been prepared and communicated through the bulletin and weekly e-mail.

Catholic Worker House Meal

The meal was served July 23, and the next one is August 27. A Sign-up Genius has been prepared and communicated through the bulletin and weekly e-mail.

Love Lunches

Prior to the meeting, Doris provided us with notes on how the Love Lunches process worked for the two weeks St. Luke's was responsible at the Sunset Park location. The dates were July 5-7 and July 11-14. The notes included how many lunches were served (350), how the process worked, use of the Sign-up Genius, interaction with volunteers representing other area churches, and suggestions for next year. This is a volunteer labor-intensive task, and it is recommended that there be two co-leaders from St. Luke's for the meal planning, shopping and meal preparation, in addition to the other volunteers.

Habitat for Humanity

St. Luke's is participating in the Catholic Circle of Faith to sponsor another Humanity House build. St. Luke the Evangelist is assigned two dates: September 7 and October 26. Paul has submitted information for the bulletin and weekly newsletter to run for two weeks. The notice also includes a sign up link and a link to information explaining steps the homebuyers go through to purchase a Habitat house.

This committee previously agreed to provide lunch for the workers on these assigned build dates.

Visit to Mary’s Helping Hands (MHH) Warehouse Operation

Doris and Jean visited the MHH warehouse/service center in West Des Moines June 3. They will be moving to a larger location this Fall. While we learned about their operation for providing items to expectant and new mothers and their babies, we have not yet met with the person who would help us set up a collection drive at St. Luke’s. The committee agreed that having it in October as part of “Right to Life” month would be a good idea. Jean will get in touch with MHH again to get some dates and assistance on the process.

Ankeny Service Center & IMPACT Food Pantries

IMPACT and the Ankeny Service Center are now located under the same roof and access will be better for their clients. The new address is 641 S Ankeny Blvd. Both have food banks. IMPACT is part of the DMARC (Des Moines Area Religious Council) network and gets food from them, as well as other donors. The Ankeny Service Center runs their food bank on donations only. Each has their own process, but clients can be served by both agencies.

While the Ankeny Service Center has moved their food bank and administrative operations to the new location, their free clothes closet, TAKE (The Ankeny Klothing Exchange) is not moving. It is still located at 718 NE Grant Street.

Tithe of the Tithe

Committee members discussed and agreed that the amount allocated for Tithe of the Tithe (May and June tithes) should be distributed as follows:

Habitat for Humanity, Circle of Faith	\$1,000.00 (2 nd half of pledge)
Biking for Babies	\$ 500.00
Love Lunches	\$ 500.00
Meals From the Heartland	\$2,000.00 *
Mom & Baby Service Center(s) - TBD	<u>\$1,177.80 **</u>
	\$5,177.80

*We will ask to hold the funds for Meals From the Heartland until we know if we are having a packaging event on-site this year.

**We also will determine which organization(s) is to receive funds for services to Mothers and Babies. Christine and Reta are each contacting some organizations to learn of their services.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27, 022 (7:00 PM).