

Social Concerns Meeting Minutes – Updated* **November 22, 2022**

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

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Opening Prayer

Patsy led us in prayer.

Committee Structure and Roles

Paul shared the history of this committee, put together by Father Larry shortly after the parish was formed, 10 years ago. Jean has served as committee chair for the past two years, following the term served by Paul and Patsy, and is stepping down from that role at the end of 2022. When the committee was formed, there were other roles to help lighten the role of the chair and all positions had a one-year term. All committee members were asked to consider taking on the role of Meeting Leader, Formation Leader, Scribe or Time Keeper. Patsy expressed an interest in serving as Formation Leader.

We may want to reconsider these or other roles, as well as be thinking about what we want this group's focus to be. Prior to the Covid pandemic, we would have occasional speakers and invite the parish to attend. Prior to our January meeting, we can all think about this and be prepared to discuss. We may also want to put together a tentative calendar for the entire year for such speakers, as well as potential recipients for St. Luke's Tithe of the Tithe funds.

Catholic Worker House Meal

The next meal is scheduled for November 26. The meal is now being served indoors again. Patsy and Paul will be delivering the food this Saturday.

Family Promise Meal and Hosts on November 28 at OLIH

We will check the Sign-Up Genius to make sure all slots are covered.

Habitat for Humanity

Paul announced that the new owners of the Habitat House sponsored by the Catholic Circle of Faith have been announced. He will write up an article for the bulletin and newsletter.

Meals from the Heartland

This event was a success. 25,000 meals were packaged in a daylong packaging event on November 15. All of the school's students (over 300) and another 70-80 volunteers from the parish set up, packed, and cleaned up, adults and children alike. A thank you note was submitted to the bulletin and weekly e-mail newsletter.

Ankeny Service Center's (ASC) Christmas Program & our "Angel Tree" at St. Luke's

We have reached out to the ASC about their plans for their 2022 program, which we have participated in for several years. We were told their greatest need is for gift cards for families that can be used by the parents for gifts and their holiday meals. We discussed the logistics of setting up an "Angel Tree" for two weekends in December, schedule two or more people to sell the cards after those Masses, and the timely delivery of the cards to ASC. This must all be finalized and communicated to the parish soon.

Tithe of the Tithe – Updated*

We have received the invoice from Meals from the Heartland, totaling \$6,264.00. Because it is primarily a school event, we are billed for only one-half that amount. A benefactor pays the other half for all schools that participate. Students raised \$738.29 from their September "mission day" so we owe the balance of \$2,386.71 from Tithe of the Tithe. That payment will be made right away. The rest of the Tithe of the Tithe will be held until mid-to-late December.

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| Meals from the Heartland | \$2,386.71 |
| Cost of SCRIP cards purchased but not sold* | 756.68 |
| Center for Social Ministry | <u>2,364.20</u> |
| | \$5,507.59 |

The payment to Center for Social Ministry should be held until later in December. The committee agreed we should wait to see how much money we will have gotten back from the SCRIP card sales for the Angel Tree project. If all the cards are sold, \$4,000 will be returned for Tithe of the Tithe. If the cards are not all sold, we will donate the remaining gift cards to the Ankeny Service Center to be used for others who contact them for emergency situations, usually groceries or gas.

(* \$4,000 worth of SCRIP cards were delivered to the Ankeny Service Center. \$3,255 worth of SCRIP cards were sold to parishioners. \$745 worth of SCRIP cards were paid for with Tithe of the Tithe funds, as were the credit card service fees totaling \$11.68.)

Next Meeting

We agreed we might need a special meeting in late December to finalize the numbers for Tithe of the Tithe for the calendar year.

Our next regularly scheduled meeting is at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, January, 24, 2023.