

**St. Elizabeth Pastorate
Social Justice Committee Meeting
April 12, 2021**

Present: Jane Bechen, Mary Casey, Joan Demmer, Dan & Ellen O'Connell, Dianne McDermott, and Diane Schmitt and Jeanne Noonan.

Prayer: Jane led a prayer

Approval of Minutes:

Dianne M. motioned to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2020 meeting. Second by Diane S. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

\$4,646.37 – breakdown: Women of Service - \$86.49, Kentucky funds - \$2,968.44, Sisters of the Presentation for Kentucky - \$1,500., Interest - \$91.44.

Old Business:

Baby Bundle Collection - Jane read a thank you note from the Clarity Clinic. Besides car loads of donated items, the following money was collected: Mary's Inn - \$25 gift card to Walmart plus \$260. Clarity Clinic - \$275.

Women of Service: Dianne M. gave an update on past projects. The next gathering will be on May 12. Items collected for the homeless (small shampoo, deodorant, etc.) will be placed into zip-lock bags for distribution to the Rescue Mission and those in need. Senior fraud will be the topic of a presentation.

New Business:

Bake Sale: It was decided to conduct a Pastorate bake sale the weekend of May 15/16. Items do not have to be marked as it will be donations only. Representatives for the five parishes are as follows: Bankston – Ellen O'Connell, Farley – Karen Hunt, Placid – Geri Kalb & Mary Casey, Epworth – Dianne McDermott, and Peosta – JoAnn Roberts. Discussion was held as to what to do with left-over items. Dianne M. will check to see if the Rescue Mission meal can be held on May 17 so that items can be donated to the meal. Jane passed out a list of Peosta parishioners to be called to ask for food items. Diane Schmidt said she would contact volunteers for this project.

Kentucky Collection: The collection will take place the first two weeks in October. Items will be stored at the Faith Formation building. Simon Trucking has again volunteered to haul the items to KY. That will take place around mid-October. All are reminded to start to save items. Discussion was held about what items to purchase to send to KY.

Angel Tree: A Peosta volunteer is needed to oversee the Angel Tree collection of Christmas gifts for those living at Hillcrest Family Services.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Diane S. and second by Mary C. to adjourn at 6:45.

Next Meeting: June 14, 2021