

Church of St Genevieve  
Social Justice Minutes  
**March 13, 2017 7:00 pm**

Members present: Julie McCarthy, Amy Korba, John McKeown, Bill Daly, Sue Stoterau

7:00 Prayer

No Changes or Additions to Agenda or Minutes

**7:10 Hunger Banquet** - There were about 170 in attendance. Good presentation, conversation and participation. Other ideas around hunger were suggested by committee members including; additional food shelf collection other than the big once per year, possibly serving a meal regularly.

**7:20 St Andrew's Shelter Update** - The archdiocese approved the use of our rectory as a shelter. It needs major electrical and plumbing work. SA has submitted an application for a grant to cover these expenses.

**7:45 Habitat** - Julie is still working out dates for 2017. Habitat is not taking any volunteers through the winter. Several large groups are sponsoring builds now. We will continue to provide welcome baskets and host dedication ceremonies. There will be a landscape opportunity October 7th. Sponsorship levels have increased to \$7500. Julie told Habitat we would commit to \$6000. Last year we donated \$7000, including the Lent Build, our remaining budget funds and a Men's club donation. Habitat plans to increase the number of families served from 50 to 180 per year. They eliminated the 0% interest rate, although it will still be very low. Families can also find existing homes that need renovations.

**7:30 Hopes & Dreams for the New Year**- We hope to continue education around homelessness or some other social justice topics. All agreed to work with the Mom's group to be able to engage families at Mass for an offertory procession of children bringing food shelf donations. (Amy & Julie). We also would like to do a field trip to Dorothy Day and to plan a trip to a meal at St. Andrews the end of May to be open to the whole parish.

**Upcoming Advocacy Events:**

**Voice of Hope Retreat @ St. Gen's**            **3/18/17**

**Mn Coalition for the Homeless**            **3/23/17**

**Power and Social Justice meet-up at St. Tim's sponsored by Catholic Charities**

**Habitat Day on the Hill**    **4/18/17**

8:00 Prayer and Adjournment. Next Meeting: **April 10th**