

The St. Mark Social Justice Committee met Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at 1:00 pm. Members present: Rose Atkinson, Clara Monson, Joan Nelsen, Allison Brennan, and Barbara Dunlay.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Rose reported that we will need workers of the Thrift Store the weekend of January 26, and 27.

Our parish provided 26 Christmas meals for families through the Food Pantry. The Food Pantry had \$285.00 given to them through the scrip program. Through the Giving Tree \$785.00 was given to the Nurse's Fund for winter apparel for students in need. Gifts for families in need from the Giving Tree totaled \$950.00. Three families were given \$330.00 in December. The rest will be distributed to them in the next two months. Easter meal scrip cards may be purchased Feb. 17,-Mar.16. The Food Pantry serves 80 families.

A discussion was held about having Stations of the Cross during Lent. We will wait for Father to decide.

Clara will find out if the Methodist Church needs help with desserts for their Wednesday night dinners.

Rose will talk to the Thrift Store to see if our workers can leave early to attend Sat. Mass.

Rose reported that she had talked to Katelyn Hoversten about Backpack Buddies and they do not need help or money at this time.

Our committee may be joined with the Parish Life Committee and that is agreeable with us.

Allison reported that the Hardin County Child Abuse Prevention group will hold a Family Event on April 21. The event will provide entertainment and educate parents as to what help and resources are available to them.

We will help St. Mary's of Eldora with the Mid-Wife Kits.

Allocations were made.

The next meeting will be March 6.

The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Dunlay, Secretary