

St Thomas Aquinas
Social Justice Meeting October 4th, 2019

8 members present (Terri Bargfrede, Dan Hurt, Jean Ripley, Kathy Finucan, Carole Koehler, Marietta Barrick, Carolyn Wilke, and Janet Adams)

Next Mobile is October 15th 4 to 5:30. Jean has volunteers lined up. We will buy kleenex to give out to clients. We will put rug on entryway to protect the floor. All the posters have been distributed.

Last collection Coats for Kids we collected \$442.00. Check written to UDMO. Jamie the director will purchase the coats this year

Carole is on Parish Life Committee and shared they may donate a percentage of the Fall Festival profits to a local Charity. Some ideas were given out and one would be money to purchase nonfood item for our clients at the mobile food bank. Carole will present the idea to her committee.

Carole updated us on Lotus the new Woman's shelter between here and Fort Dodge. They are in need of gas cards to help clients get to work and appointments. We need to get information out to the Parish on the shelter. Dan will be delivering blankets there and Carole will be making a meal there so they will get some more information.

Dan needs some more gas cards. He has given a few out to people in need for appointments and trips. He still has some grocery cards left.

Next collection will be October 19/20th. Saturday collectors will be Jean Ripley/Carole Koehler and Sunday collector will be Janet Adams. She will ask Jean Biggins to help on Sunday.

We will collect for Lotus to purchase gas cards. Dan and Carole will tell the directors what our intentions are.

Very sad news was shared. Long time member Jan Sylvester has died. Jan contributed a lot to the committee and will be greatly missed by all. Her Funeral arrangements are being decided upon.

Next meeting is November 1st, 2019 at 1000 am. Hope to have update on Ecumenical Human Needs Committee.