

**St Edward Social Concerns Committee**  
**March 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance:** Brenton Kuchera, EJ Gallagher, Maureen Gorsche, John McCoy, Rebecca Mitchell, Toni Pint-Burke

**Excused:** Patricia Connell, Cheryl Einsweiller, Angela Conrad, Jim Garrett, Cheryl Greenwood, Beth Haile, Carmen Lappe, Gemma Lappe, Jeff Lappe, Helen Nelson, Anne Strausser, Mollie Stumma, Dean Swinton

**Opening Prayer**

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Approved by consensus
2. **Minutes of 2/13/17:** Approved by consensus
3. **Financial Report:** Received and filed by consensus.
4. **Sub-Committees**
  - a. **November Food Collection** (Jim Garrett, Dean Swinton)
    1. No report
  - b. **Adopt-A-Family** (Cheryl Greenwood & Maureen Gorsche)
    1. No report
  - c. **Lenten Soup Nights** (Lappes)
    1. Ash Wednesday turnout was great
    2. International night is 3/15/17
  - d. **Drivers for Weekend Liturgy** (Paulette)
    1. Paulette sent out a reminder to drivers about expectations
  - e. **Sister Parish Okolona** (Sr. Helen)
    1. No report
  - f. **80+ Birthday Club** (Jolene Kneeland)
    1. No report
  - g. **Social Justice** Political Issues (E.J. Gallagher)
    1. Tom Chapman's emails and the Iowa Catholic Conference Newsletter are the best ways to stay up to date.
  - h. **Catholic Worker House** (Ann Strausser)
    1. No report
  - i. **Children's Playground** (John McCoy)
    1. The equipment will be installed on 4/10.
    2. A spring clean up will be scheduled for late April.
  - j. **Pastoral Council Liaison** (Maureen Goersche, Brenton Kuchera, Jeff Lappe)
    1. Pastoral planning continues and plans are being made to check out other Parishes who have added a gathering space and made other updates to their facilities.
    2. Pastoral Council elections will be held May 12 & 13.
  - k. **New American Ministry** (Dean, Margaret)
    1. Hispanic needs
      - i. Written report submitted by Dean from Deacon Real.
    2. Burmese needs
      - i. No report.
  - l. **Twinning Committee** (Cheryl E, Patricia, Lanigan, McCoy)
    1. We will send the March disbursement to Haiti.
  - m. **Meals on Wheels** (Beth Haile)
    1. All is well per Beth.

5. **Old Business**

a.

**6. New Business**

a. We will put a note in the bulletin about the collection for House of Hope.

**7. Adjournment**

**April 10**

**May 8**

**Sept 11**