

**SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
August 9, 2021**

Present: Kristi Jones, Becky Baumbach, Donna Maysack, Rick Thomas, Marilyn Kile, Julie and Dennis Ahnen, Kimberly King, Beth Ringgenberg

OPENING

Kristi led the group in an opening prayer. She thanked Becky Baumbach and Susi Petta for their leadership of the committee for the past several years. Susi Petta and Luke Lucas are no longer serving on the committee. A youth member will be joining the committee.

UPDATES

1. HOLY Cow – There have been about 30 events since spring at which the HOLY Cow has been present. We are getting lots of interest in having the HOLY cow at events which is good. It has raised about \$1,500 for Just Bakery and \$1,200 from Thrivent. There was discussion about whether there is a need to establish guidelines and priorities for what type of events the Holy Cow will be used as it requires a lot of volunteers.
2. ORE Adopt a School – Donations of school supplies, snacks and clothing will be requested. The third grade pen pal program can resume this fall.
3. World Vision – Bob Beggs and Stephanie Christenson are now heading up the team now.
4. Shoe Drive – Donna reported that the brand name new shoe drive has resulted in many donations.
5. United Way Equity Challenge – With the Marilyn's leadership, the United Way Equity 21 Week Equity Challenge is being compacted into 9 sessions to offer to interested participants. The course will be held Sept. 15 – Nov. 10. Facilitators will be Marilyn Kile, Julie and Dennis Annen and Leah Rineck. The format originally was going to be in person but may end up being Zoom meetings.
6. Clothes Closet and Food Pantry – still being offered curbside

NEW BUSINESS

Kristi discussed AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities) which is an ELCA program supporting migrants. It is not a sanctuary church program. Instead it focuses on spiritually welcoming migrants, praying for migrants, advocating for migrants and physically supporting migrants. The committee discussed what things Good Shepherd is already doing. Kristi and Donna are going to brainstorm on ways that Good Shepherd can support this program and will prepare a list of resources.

LORD'S PRAYER

Next Meeting – September 9, 2021 at 7 PM - ZOOM