

Human Concerns Minutes

Jan. 2, 2024

Attendees: Suzanne Biedenbender, Pat Davis, Leon Jacoby, Marilyn Sabec, Kathryn Sepstead & Penny Wessing

Meeting started at 6:30 with Prayer of St. Francis.

PROJECTS & FOLLOW-UP

Gables Gift Stockings -The committee handed out a list of suggested stocking stuffers to parishioners on Nov. 13. Kathryn, Pat, Penny, Marilyn & Susan Risch stuffed the stockings in the parish center after the Wed. Mass on Nov. 29. Suzanne dropped off 38 stockings at Gables on Friday to be distributed on Dec. 6 – the feast of St. Nicholas. Currently there are 22 residents in building 1 and 16 residents in building 2.

Kathryn, Pat & Suzanne also delivered 10 stockings to the homebound.

Advent Giving Tree - We again collected items for Mary's Room, DSCS school and the Food Pantry. For Mary's Room we collected diapers for newborns & size 4, 5 & 6, newborn onesies, newborn sleepers, baby wash, children's socks & underwear, new receiving blankets, new bath towels/wash cloths, clothes (3T & 3T), winter jackets (2T, 3T & 4T) and fleece blankets and new or gently used pack-n-plays. Suzanne got a list of needs for each classroom at DSCS. For the Food Pantry, we collected deodorant, toothpaste, single toothbrushes, shampoo, toilet paper, Kleenex, hand soap and hand cream, pineapple, mandarin oranges, fruit cocktail, canned pears, canned carrots, peas, potatoes, beets, cream style corn and refried beans. The Giving Tree was setup after Sunday Mass on Nov. 26 and taken down on Dec. 17. Our committee sorted the Giving Tree items after Sunday Mass on Dec. 10 & 17 and delivered them to the appropriate groups. Kati Dimmer also listed Mary's Room and the Food Pantry items in the Advent newsletter. We received all the requested items, which shows the great generosity of our parishioners.

Christmas Cards to shut-ins – Margaret Bemis wrote out the Christmas cards.

Hygiene items for St. Bens & Sheboygan County homeless – We are coordinating this project with the St. Vincent group this year and will share what we collect with Sheboygan County and their homeless program. Lent starts on Feb. 14, so we decided to hand out lists of needed items on Feb. 18 and have all items returned by March 3. The list will also be published in the bulletin and cluster newsletter.

Blood Drive – Our next blood drive is tentatively scheduled for April 8 from 1:00 – 6:00 pm. Pat will verify the date with Susan Risch and the April calendar and with the American Red Cross to see if they are available that day.

Food Pantry – had further discussion on ways to promote and collect items for the food Pantry. Thinking of handing out a list of specific needed items on the Sunday before hospitality and collecting the items at the entrances of church on hospitality Sunday. We may start in April and see what kind of response we get.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm. Next meeting: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne Biedenbender