

St. Dominic Human Concerns Meeting

October 17, 2022

Present: Mary Gruber, Laura Graney, Mary Karls, Kathy Cram, Carol Stielow, Barb Henning, Donna Karr, and Pat Schmidt

Mary Gruber led the meeting with a prayer

I Introductions

II Notes Approval

The Notes from June 20, 2022 were approved.

III Committee Reports

A. Elizabeth Ministry – Pat Schmidt

Four of the members from the Ministry attended a retreat in Mukwonago at the International Elizabeth Ministry site. They were able to hear a presentation by the lady who created the Ministry in Wisconsin which has since gone international. The Ministry would like to follow newly baptized children for 4 years to stay connected with the church through a program called Sacred Steps. The packet of information is available through the International Site but costs about \$149.00. We were hoping to share the cost with Holy Name and St Clements when they get their Ministries up and running.

B. Emmaus Meal – Barb Henning and Carol Stielow

Barb and Carol took over this ministry in June with the help of their husbands. They served about 57 people in July with a total of 70 including seconds. They are scheduled for November 5th. The Knights of Columbus Auxiliary has donated \$200.00 towards that meal along with their bakers.

C. Rainbow Kids – Mary Gruber

A Widow/Widower's (WOW) group at Generations in Plymouth started on September 21st and will end on November 21st unless there is interest to continue with no end date. They meet on Mondays from 11am to Noon. Another group started on Thursdays at Ebenezer Church from 6-7pm. There are currently 12 families with 20 children (ages 5-13) and 8 adults attending that session. There is a 10-week program scheduled to start January 9th at Lake Country Academy. They are also looking for a host site for their Winter/Spring evening program.

D. Homebound – Pat Schmidt for Carla Dirks

There are Thanksgiving cards being prepared for our homebound. For Christmas a box with a poinsettia and some home baked cookies and a card will be delivered to our approximately 40 homebound parishioners.

E. St Vincent De Paul – Mary Born – No Report

F. Senior Ministry – Laura Graney

At the October 11th get-together a representative from the YMCA informed the group of the Silver Sneakers opportunity at the YMCA. In November Laura Graney will talk about healthy eating. There will be no December meeting. Possible speakers for next year are the Aging and Disability Resource Center and Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center.

G. Food Pantry –Mary Karls for Karen Karste

The Food Pantry serves about 50 families (130-140 people) a week. More Spanish speaking people are coming to the food pantry. Lulu from St Dominic's has been helping with translation when are new users of the Food Pantry need to fill out forms. Karen Karste has joined the Board for the Food Pantry. The Board purchased a new refrigerator and vacuum cleaner. There is also a passcode to get into the food storage area.

H. Pastoral Council – Laura Graney for Jeanne Bitkers

- New Member Welcome took place the weekend of 9/24-25. Over 100 phone calls were made with follow-up emails. New member packets were mailed if members were not able to attend.
- There were several repairs and replacements in our Saint Dominic buildings over the summer. Those have been paid by savings from past years.
- Love One Another Capital Campaign has started.
- SNCP will be sending three delegates to attend the Eucharistic Revival Preparation Day on 10/22/22. The Eucharistic Revival will be in June, 2023.
- Hispanic Community Celebrations – Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe 12/12 and Our Lady of the Rosary of Chiquinquirá'. All are invited to attend.
- RCIA for 2022/23 is up and running with Kate Reidel our ECHO apprentice responsible for the program this year.
- St Dominic Fall Festival was a success.

I. Laundry of Love – Laura Graney

The last session was held October 11th. We have been serving 8-9 families (23 individuals). Money contributions as well as large laundry bags (can be purchased at Dollar Store) are always welcome.

J. Pay it Forward – Feeding the Homeless – Mary Karls

The Community Café is up and running. There is always a need for travel size hygiene items (shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, body wash, etc.) to be disbursed to clients along with granola bars which are placed on a table on Fridays.

Old Business

A. Thanksgiving Boxes -Donna Karr

There will be 300 boxes filled this year for needy families. They will also receive a gift card and home baked cookies have returned to be added to the boxes.

C. Undie Sunday/Operation Archangel – Judy Straus

Undie Sunday collection is planned for November 5/6 through November 12/13. Delivery of these items will be to the VA hospital in Milwaukee. There will be a second collection on 11/12-13 for the local Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus for Operation Archangel with funds going to Catholic Chaplains at the Milwaukee VA.

D. Warming Center – Mary Gruber

No report but volunteers are always needed.

E. Making Spirits Bright – Pat Schmidt

The Northside Catholic Parishes will cover one shift of 2 hours on December 27, 2022.

New Business

A. Theme for Advent - Love One Another

- As we prepare
- As we wait
- As we rejoice
- As we believe

B. First Sunday Social – Pat

Only Sunday volunteers needed as Saturday will be a kick-off for Love One Another Campaign with a reception following. The following have volunteered to help after mass on Sunday:
Judy, Kathy C, Pat

The meeting closed with prayer

The next meeting will be March 20, 2023 at 6:30 pm. - Barb **will lead the prayer**

Notes prepared by Pat Schmidt