

Human Concerns Meeting

June 22, 2021

Approved October 21, 2021

Present: Fr. Mark, Mary Gruber, Judy Straus, Laura Graney, Karen Karste, Mary Karls, Mary Born, Donna Karr, and Pat Schmidt

Judy opened the meeting with a prayer

I Introductions

II Notes Approval

The Notes from March 4, 2021 were approved with a motion by Laura Graney and second by Judy Straus.

III Committee Reports

A. Elizabeth Ministry – Pat Schmidt

The ministry hopes to return to delivering meals and a basket for the mother's and the baby.

B. Emmaus Meal – Judy Straus

St Dominic is disbursing lunch bags at the library. They are serving about 45 people. A Salvation Army board meeting will take place in July to determine how to proceed with serving the Emmaus meals at their site.

C. Rainbow Kids – Mary Gruber

The Spring session which started on May 17 and runs through June 28 is serving 21 children and six adults. The Summer session will begin on July 12th and there are currently 5 families interested in the session. The session will be in person.

D. Homebound – Karen Karste

The Easter cards were mailed to the St Dominic homebound. Birthday cards are being mailed to parishioners 75 years and up.

E. St Vincent De Paul – Mary Born

Meeting with clients is still being done by phone. They are reaching out to 4-5 families a week for rent, utilities and clothing.

F. Senior Ministry – Laura Graney

There has been no Senior Ministry because of the Pandemic. There is a Christmas Party scheduled for December 7th. Karen Karste has information regarding a speaker on scams which she will share with Maureen Stoelb.

G. Food Pantry – Karen Karste

The Food Pantry was blessed last week by Fr. Norberto. Number of clients has reduced from serving 40 per week to 30 per week. The Food Bank is getting produce boxes from Target and those are being distributed to the local food pantries. Gallons as well as ½ gallons of milks are being disbursed. The Food Bank has gone onto a computerized system in which the food pantries are asked to get information on recipients at their sites to get a better idea as to who is using the pantries. The top 10 items are being put into the bulletin to help parishioners fill the food pantry with needed items. Our Food Pantry has 5 board members and one of the newest board members is Mary Karls.

H. Pastoral Council – Laura Graney

- 6/28 is last meeting for fiscal year
- The 3 goals for the Pastoral Council are:
 - Faith Formation for adults with a speaker on 12/10
 - Communication
 - Human Concerns chairs/co-chairs for all 3 parishes

I. Laundry of Love – Laura Graney

In July we will be celebrating our 1-year anniversary of hosting Laundry of Love. We are serving 1-4 families a month. More volunteers are always welcome.

J. Communications – Judy Straus

Enhanced new website is coming from the bulletin company. Mary Karls shared that there will be a Northside parish golf outing on 8/15 and Fall Festival is being planned for 9/19.

K. Little Lourdes Day – Donna Karr

Little Lourdes Day will be held on 8/18 at Holy Name. An invitation will go out to parishioners 75 and over.

IV Old Business

A. Refugee and Immigrant Outreach – Laura Graney

The outreach will be listed in the Time and Talent Book.

B. Thanksgiving Boxes -Donna Karr

The boxes will be disbursed on 11/20.

C. Undie Sunday – Judy Straus

The collection for the veterans will take place the 1st and 2nd weekends in November.

D. Making Spirits Bright – Judy Straus

We will go with ½ shift again this year but will need a liaison person to take calls from Volunteers as the St Dominic parish secretary previously took the calls from volunteers.

V New Business

- A. 1st Sunday Coffee – Human Concerns will host November 6th after 5pm mass and November 7th after the 10:30 mass.
- B. Bulletin Outreach – In the future the Human Concerns committees for all 3 parishes will publicize their outreach together as a bulletin insert.

The meeting closed with prayer

The next meeting will be October 19, 2021 at 6:30 pm. – Mary will lead the prayer

Notes prepared by Pat Schmidt