

Human Concerns Commission—Report July 2022

The Human Concerns Commission met on 6/27. There will not be a meeting in July or August. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 9/20 at 6:00 pm.

- **Bereavement Ministry**—Next 6-week session starts on August 7. Nancy shared that the pottery craft project, (tear pots) that were done during the past session can help people feel more comfortable talking during the session.
- **Funeral Luncheons**—Hope to start again soon. Calls are being made and a message in bulletin to connect with funeral lunch people to see who's still willing to help.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry**—They discussed exploring transportation options for parishioners who may have difficulty getting to church. We would need to determine how much interest there is in this. It was suggested that once the new parish directory is available it may help to identify who we might reach out to.
- **Home Outreach**—Gerry goes to Arbor View and another home-bound parishioner.
- **Christian Women**—Donut Sunday was well-attended. The annual baby shower, collecting items such as diapers, wipes, etc., is scheduled for October 15/16 for the Women's Center and food pantry.
- **Respect-Life**—The sculpture, *Memorial for Unborn Children*, is being reserved for our parish during the month of October. (Link to brief video about it [here](#).) Debbie and Carol Fitzpatrick will tour Waukesha pregnancy center, Life's Connection, which is largest pregnancy center in WI. Exploring ways we could support them from collecting baby items, maternity clothes, etc. Possibly putting needed items on Giving Tree tags. They also have a program called "walking with moms in need". Plan to show movie, *Unplanned*, sometime in October. (Also do a Holy Hour in October—month of the Rosary.) Planning another Holy Hour for Life in January.
- **The Band**—Went to Three Pillars on June 22 and it was well-attended. They also did a great job at the 25th anniversary event.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society**—They are collecting school supplies in July. Items are then taken to St. Williams and they handle the distribution.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society**—Bingo—\$9,965 total raised since May 2021, \$4,532 so far for 2022. These additional funds are extremely helpful to this ministry. Recently some of the money was used to provide significant help to a parish family in need.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program**—Next meal to be served on July 21. Meals will still be served in to-go containers as there are not enough consistent volunteers for dine-in. Good news is they are serving significantly more guests. In November 2021 they served 80 guests. Now serving 150-170 guests.
- **St. Dismas Jail Ministry**—Tom and John continue to provide this ministry. (Hard cover books ok.)

We also discussed the Human Concerns page on the parish website. Plan to talk with Lisa about updating the page, including info about the ministries and possibly finding a way to "feature" upcoming events.

Human Concerns Report

August 2022

The Human Concerns Commission did not meet in July or August. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 9/20 at 6:00 pm.

- **Bereavement Ministry**—Nancy started the next session this month.
- **Funeral Luncheons**—Preparing and checking in with volunteers but haven't started back up yet.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry**—Met this past week, continue to meet monthly. Debbie spoke with the group last Monday about Life's Connection pregnancy support center. They are interested in making baby items/layettes for the center.
- **Home Outreach**—Gerry continues to go to Arbor View weekly and visits another homebound parishioner.
- **Christian Women**—Will have their next meeting 9/14 with a re-dedication at 6pm. The annual baby shower, collecting items such as diapers, wipes, etc., is scheduled for October 15/16. This year donations are being collected for the Women's Center, the Food Pantry and Life's Connection pregnancy support center.
- **Respect-Life**—We will have the sculpture, *Memorial for Unborn Children*, on display at our parish during the month of October. Planning to show a Respect Life – themed movie in October. Considering "Unplanned" or other options. Debbie, Gerry P. and Carol F. toured Life's Connection pregnancy support center in Waukesha, and were amazed at all the great work they are doing. An article introducing Life's Connection is included with this report and will be included in the bulletin later this month. We will be supporting the center with the baby shower, the Giving Tree and a Baby Bottle Campaign in January. Also planning another Holy Hour for Life, and Spiritual Adoption cards in January.
- **The Band**—Did a wonderful job singing at the anniversary event in July.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society**—Held the school supply drive in July. Golf outing in August.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society**—Bingo continues every other Monday at Gina's Sports Dock. Currently bingo is outside on the beach. \$5,805 has been raised so far this year. \$11,238 since it started in May 2021. All money goes to St Vincent de Paul outreach to help people in the area around our parish.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program**— The St Vincent de Paul meal program went well in July. Our group was chosen to be the first to test out a hybrid dine-in/to-go version of serving. Most guests prefer to-go, because that is what they have been doing for the past 2 years. Only 50 to-gos were allowed to be handed out, so many chose to leave vs going inside. We should have served 180-200 and only served 121. Process needs to be worked on. Zoom meeting in September, with all the groups that provide meals, to discuss the meal program and what it will be like going forward. We serve again on September 15 and we are serving pulled pork. Sign up continues to be on-line on the parish website or on paper.
- **St. Dismas Jail Ministry**—Tom and John continue to provide this ministry.

Life's Connection Introduction

Life's Connection is a local non-profit medical pregnancy support and education center located in Mukwonago and Waukesha, WI. Our center was formed by Catholics in Mukwonago, WI and is faith-based, offering free resources to families in need within our community providing hope, help and healing when families need it the most.

Resources we offer for free include miscarriage and stillbirth support, unplanned pregnancy counseling and services that provides life-affirming support, adoption support, childbirth and parenting education, life-skills counseling and education, post abortion help and healing, onsite baby boutique, learn and earn educational programs, fatherhood programs, ultra-sounds and much needed crisis care for any issue. We also are proud to offer a 24/7 helpline that gives help and support all around the world!

Our services that we provide to our clients are only made possible through generous donors. Many area churches and parishioners are those donors who support our mission through baby showers and baby bottle fundraisers. Following our Catholic faith, and by offering family building, life-affirming education and direct care, our organization has changed hundreds of lives per year.

Since Life's Connection opened, we have served over 1,700 families each year and we continue to grow. Last year we proudly served 2,062 clients, supported over 200 families who were facing the loss of their precious baby while going through miscarriage, supported 427 women in choosing life for their babies and helped 12 babies to live through abortion reversal. 98% of our clients choose life after being educated in all their options and seeing their baby on ultra-sound.

Your financial and material support allows Life's Connection to save and change lives all year round. We hope that Queen of Apostles Parish will join our mission of providing hope, help and healing to our community. For more information, please visit www.lifesconnection.org or stop in for a beautiful tour at either of our centers. We will have many inspiring stories to share with you on your tour that may just be the hope you have been looking for.

Mukwonago – 801 N Rochester Street

Waukesha – 494 W Main Street

We invite you to take a tour of our centers, especially our new Mukwonago Center that is now open and is the largest pregnancy support center in the entire state of Wisconsin. Come see where miracles are happening in our community. Thank you for considering supporting our mission.

Last LFFC meeting June 21, 2022. Next scheduled meeting August 9, 2022. (No meeting in July)

Intern – The budget allocates money for another intern/part time person for 2022-2023. Liz Kuhn and Lydia Heinen discussed the current job description. The next steps are to make some small updates to the job description, get approval of the new job description, and begin recruiting.

Summer Activities – No religious education students from Queen of Apostles have signed up for any of the multiple Mission Trip opportunities that were offered in conjunction with St. Anthony on the Lake and the Archdiocese. Faith Formation has \$1338 in its youth mission trip/conference fund. The Archdiocese has been “cracking down” on carry-over funds, so these monies may need to be spent by June 2022. Don’t know if it was or where the money is now since it is after June 2022.

LFFC – Evaluating past year and planning for the new year. At the June meeting, we discussed feedback from the Elementary level Family Surveys. Overall there was positive feedback. Some of the families said that the youngest children need more age-appropriate activities. There is some concern over the broad range of student ages in the family program and it might not hold all the age groups’ attention. We brainstormed a variety of solutions. Gerise Grzeszczak (Commission member and Catholic school teacher) offered her assistance in helping Liz with that. There was an overall agreement that the family program was successful and should be continued. Feedback from the teens, parents, and catechist surveys is still being compiled.

Calendar – The staff finished calendaring for 2022-2023. Next will be getting registrations out for Faith Formation, hopefully available in July.

Diocese will be focusing on “Eucharistic Revival” for the upcoming year. We will be exploring how best to work with this at Queen of Apostles. Pope is calling for us to focus on marriage and the support of marriage.

Bubba’s – We made \$1,047 in June, the most Bubbas has ever donated. Bob Schaff won the \$20 gift card. Next Bubba’s is Tuesday August 23. Thanks to Judy Huschka for taking over this fundraiser.

Rosary Path – Parishioner and mason, Pat Bero, has agreed to make a “structure” to go under the Fatima statues. He will only charge QOA for his supplies. A final design needs to be worked out before work can begin. A blessing will be scheduled once it is completed.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Klopp

May 2022 Month-End
Provided by John S.

Balance Sheet

- Cash increased \$19,618 for the month.
- Current Liabilities increased \$11,747. The Largest increase was in accounts payable \$13,137.

Income Statement

- Revenue was favorable to budget by \$12,009 for the month of May. Y-T-D revenue continues to be favorable to budget by \$85,484.
- Expenses continue to be in control for the month. Expenses are \$1,596 favorable to the budget of \$59,982. Y-T-D expenses are also favorable to the budget by \$59,982.
- Net Income is favorable to the budget by \$13,605 for the month and \$145,467 Y-T-D.

June 2022 Month-End Statement
-From John Schueller

Balance Sheet

- Cash decreased \$8,242 for the month of June.
- Current Liabilities decreased \$1,031.

Income Statement

- Revenue was favorable to the budget by \$14,388 for the month. Y-T-D revenue came in \$99,381 favorable to the budget of \$698,060.
- Expenses for the month of June have year end adjustments recorded. Expenses were unfavorable to budget by \$19,319. The largest single entry was the movement of \$11,336 from the exchange accounts in the balance sheet to the Human Concerns accounts in the income statement. The largest recorded expense was in major maintenance in the accrued amount of \$22,414 for the Johnson Controls Security System. Y-T-D expenses of \$652,202 were favorable \$41,663 to the budget of \$693,865.
- Net Income for the year was favorable to the budget by \$141,043.

July 2022 Month-End Statement
From John Schueller

Balance Sheet

- Cash decreased \$30,744 for the month of July.
- Current Liabilities increased \$4,473 for the month.

Income Statement

- Revenue came in \$1,388 favorable to the budget of \$50,237.
- Expenses for the month of July were unfavorable to the budget by \$12,596. The largest item over budget was the \$21,645 down payment for the Johnson Controls Vidio System.
- Net Income came in \$11,209 unfavorable to a budget of \$22,498. This was due to the down payment on the video system.