

St. Katharine Drexel Parish Committee Report

Human Concerns Committee (HCC)

Date of Meeting: 10/09/2018

Committee Chairperson: Ed Cody

Members Excused: Kathy Dries

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Members attending: Ed Cody, Pat Burchardt, Matt Lanser, Andi Larson, Mark Roedl, Dottie Thompson, Nancy Paul.

Additions to Agenda: none

Minutes of 9/11/2018 meeting: Minutes accepted

Communications: This will be covered under Pro-Life Wisconsin Gala item.

Pastor's Concerns: Fr. Erwin related the fear created by the recent ICE raids in Wisconsin for members of our parish family. He is trying to assess if the Church, at both the diocesan and local level, has any response or plans for how to respond in the future.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Personal Essentials Pantry Collection: November will be the month for our parish personal essentials collection. This collection is in collaboration with a grant received by First Evangelical Lutheran here in Beaver Dam. Ed Cody handed out a list of items people can donate. He will have articles about this in the bulletin and the parish monthly mailing. Labeled barrels to receive the donated items will be placed at both the church and parish center. The donations will be split between the two food pantries. Recipients will apply ahead of time for these items so adjustments can be made for family size. The items will be included along with the food box distribution at the pantries.

2. Respect for Life Topics: We discussed the handouts from the USCCB catalogs. After Andi Larson's report on the Contraception Concerns handout, Dottie Thompson noted that this would be useful at the Dodge County Pregnancy Support Center. Ed Cody noted that this handout as well as current events point out that we need to do a better job of instilling respect for girls and women in our society.

Regarding the handout on Care for the Dying, Ed Cody pointed out that anointing is the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, and a person with a serious illness or facing surgery can receive anointing. It is not reserved just for those near death.

3. Drug Impairment Training: Ed Cody shared the binder of information received from this excellent program. He noted the danger of keeping unused prescriptions in the home, especially for pain meds. Young people often access these and become addicted. Also, he noted learning that many things besides glue are being sniffed these days. The information presented in the program is extensive. We discussed having a program like this, perhaps not as in-depth, for interested citizens and parents here at the parish. Ed Cody will talk with our parish nurse Ya-Fen Szczesny.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Pro-Life Gala Event: Pro-Life Wisconsin is having a Love for Life Gala on Saturday October 20 in Milwaukee. The cost is \$100.00 per person. More information is available at www.ProLifeWI.org

Closing Prayer

Meeting Adjourned 8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting Agenda Items:

1. Update on Essential Pantry Collection
2. Follow-up on Local Community ICE concerns

To: Parish Council (Check one)

 X For your information. No action needed at this time.

Submitted by: Nancy Paul, HCC Secretary