

St. Katharine Drexel Parish Committee Report

Human Concerns Committee (HCC)

Date of Meeting: 4/9/2019

Committee Chairperson: Ed Cody

Members Excused: Nancy Paul

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members attending: Andi Larson, Kathy Dries, Matt Lanser, Pat Burchardt, Dan Doyle, and Ed Cody.

Minutes of 3/12/2019 meeting: Minutes accepted.

Communication: None

Pastor's Concerns: Agenda was reviewed with Father Mike

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Mother's Day Rose Sale:** Matt Lanser will be out of state at the time of the event. Andi offered to help with scheduling volunteers. Matt may decrease the number of roses ordered given that Mothers' Day will be when Mass will be in the parish center. Matt will contact Dale Casperson about organizing the sale. He will check who is available to pick up the roses from Horicon. There will not be the opportunity to place roses in the parish center in honor of Mary, but there is the possibility of placing roses by the statue of Mary in the prayer garden.
- 2. Human Concerns Summit:** 300 people attended the Summit. Andi Larson and Ed Cody represented our parish. It was inspirational and informative. Andi attended the workshop on pro-life issues. We did discuss the movie "Unplanned." Those who have seen the film thought it was well done. Ed attended the workshop on Parish involvement in substance abuse issues. There was information presented on the "7 Days of Service" in September connected with the 175th Year Anniversary of the Archdiocese. Further information is coming.
- 3. Food for Souls:** Discussed how our parish can be involved. Dan Doyle suggested obtaining more information "fact sheet" to better explain in detail what volunteers would be doing. We will research more of the details of the project. Further discussion pending more information.
- 4. Novena for Life:** 350 prayer cards were given out to parishioners. Some committee members continue to pray the Life prayer daily.
- 5. Operation Rice Bowl:** The rice bowls will be collected on Palm Sunday and during Holy Week. Jim Hanks will present the Rice Bowl offering at the Holy Thursday Mass.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Catholic Relief Services Ambassador:** Jim Hanks presented information that he obtained at the organizational meeting for the Parish Ambassador Corps. He will be looking for other interested parishioners to be additional ambassadors. Jim will be working with HCC to inform our parish about CRS initiatives.

Closing Prayer. We closed the meeting with prayer. Prayed for Nancy Paul's recovery from foot injury.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting Date/Time/Location:
May 14, 2019, 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center.

Decisions Made:

1. Proceed with Mothers' Day Rose Sale.
2. Gather more specific information how volunteers would be involved with the Food for Souls
3. Support Jim Hanks' efforts to start CRS Ambassador Corps in our parish.

Next Meeting Agenda Items:

1. Further discussion of the Food for Souls effort with more data at next meeting.
2. Assess St. Katharine Drexel Parish involvement in 7 Days of Service effort.

To: Parish Council (Check one)

For your information. No action needed at this time.

Please put us on your next agenda. See attachment.

We need directions and further input. See attachment.

Submitted by

Ed Cody, HCC Chair