

St. Katharine Drexel Parish Committee Report

Human Concerns Committee (HCC)

Date of Meeting: 12/11/2018

Committee Chairperson: Ed Cody

Members Excused: Nancy Paul, Andi Larson, Kathy Dries

Meeting called to order at 7:20 p.m.

Members attending: Dottie Thompson, Pat Burchardt, Matt Lanser, and Ed Cody.

Additions to Agenda: none

Minutes of 11/13/2018 meeting: Minutes accepted.

Communication: Further CRS information

Pastor's Concerns: Father Mike discussed replacement position for parish nurse

Topics/Issues/Projects Discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Personal Essentials Pantry Collection:** 4 collection barrels were nearly filled with donated items. These items will be inventoried and distributed to the food pantries in Beaver Dam.
- 2. Red Kettle Bell Ringing:** December 7 was the first Friday and this Friday, December 14 will be the last day. There was no difficulty in getting volunteers.
- 3. CRS Ambassador:** Ed has been in contact with Dan McCarthy, who is coordinating the CRS Ambassador effort in the archdiocese. An individual(s) in our parish would accept the role of promoting CRS in our parish by three events about CRS, such as our current Operation Rice Bowl and would inform our parishioners about the mission of CRS. There would be training offered to the CRS Ambassador, as well as an introduction into the spirituality of CRS through retreat experiences. Ed will take this information to the various small groups in the parish to surface any individuals who would wish to take on this two year role of being CRS Ambassador.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Measure HCC goals with the parish mission and vision statements:** The committee discussed the mission statement phrase "outreach to those in need" and the vision statement bullet point "Living the corporeal works of mercy." These would be the two parts of our parish's mission and vision that our goals as a committee would be impactful in fulfilling the mission and vision of St. Katharine Drexel Parish.
- 2. Mitten Tree:** The annual Mitten Tree has been set up in church for parishioners to donate items of winter clothing for Clothes for Kids. This year there was not any promotion of the event.
- 3. Dollar for Life:** Matt reported that the Dodge County Right to Life (DCRL) organization has not yet discussed if the newspaper ad will be done in 2019. He will update the committee after the next meeting pf DCRL.
- 4. Blood Drive on January 3, 2019:** There will be another blood drive at the parish center in January from 1-6 pm. Phyllis Tratar will be coordinating the drive for our parish. The blood center is offering an incentive of a \$10 Amazon gift card to all those who donate blood. The next scheduled blood drive in May will be at a different location, pending the time when the church renovation begins.
- 5. Upcoming Archdiocesan events:** Catholics at the Capitol will be on April 30, 2019 from 8am to 5pm at the Monona Terrace Center in Madison. This is an opportunity to talk with state legislators about the Catholic perspective on pending legislation. On April

6, 2019, there will be the first summit on human concerns at the Cousins Center in Milwaukee.

Closing Prayer. We closed the meeting with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Next Meeting Date/Time/Location:
January 8, 2019, 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center.

Decisions Made:

1. Present the CRS Ambassador program to the parish.
2. Support the Blood Drive scheduled for January 3, 2019.

Next Meeting Agenda Items:

To be determined.

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