

St. Katharine Drexel Parish Committee Report

Human Concerns Committee (HCC)

Date of Meeting: 1/15/2019

Committee Chairperson: Ed Cody

Members Excused: Nancy Paul

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

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

Minutes of 12/11/2018 meeting: Minutes accepted. Note tonight's meeting date was changed due to Pastoral Council meeting on January 8, 2019

Communication: John Pryme asked HCC to consider being present on 3/2, 3/3 small group presentation to the parish following weekend Masses

Pastor's Concerns: Father Mike gave an update on search for pastoral care coordinator

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Red Kettle Bell Ringing:** Beaver Dam Kiwanis reported that \$48,000 was raised to help the poor in our area.
- 2. CRS Ambassador:** Ed will continue to present 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.
- 3. Blood Drive on January 3, 2019:** 82 units of blood were collected, which is 37% above the projected goal. There will be one more blood drive at the parish center before the church renovation begins.
- 4. Dollar for Life:** Matt reported that the number of signatures from St. Katharine Drexel Parish for the newspaper ad was approximately 350, which is less than in the past.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. March for Life Wisconsin:** Information was presented for the January 22, 2019 March in Madison to the State Capitol in support of life. This event is sponsored by the Diocese of Madison. There is further information on the Diocese of Madison web site. The event begins with Mass at St. Patrick's Church at 10:00 am and ends in the early afternoon, after marching and gathering at the State Capitol.
- 2. Mitten Tree:** Five bags of donated winter clothing was collected at church and delivered to Clothes for Kids.
- 3. Baby Bottle Collection:** The KCs are conducting a fund raising event for the Pregnancy Support Center during January. Baby Bottles are used for parishioners to make monetary donations to support the operation of the center.
- 4. 40 Cans for Lent:** This collection of food for the Dodge County Food Pantry will again be organized during Lent by the Knights of Columbus as part of the KC Food for Families program.
- 5. Pastoral Care Coordinator:** Father Mike discussed this part time parish staff position which will replace the parish nurse position. This individual will assist the pastoral staff in coordinating pastoral visits to parishioners in their home and in care facilities. The coordinator will not be reporting to this committee, but will be involved in referrals to Caring Hands and the Bereavement Support group.
- 6. 2019-2020 HCC Budget:** The committee reviewed the current budget and discussed changes for the upcoming budget. This will be acted upon at the February meeting.

Closing Prayer. We closed the meeting with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Next Meeting Date/Time/Location:
February 12, 2019, 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center.

Decisions Made:

1. 40 Cans for Lent food pantry collection to occur in Lent.
2. Initial changes in budget considered.

Next Meeting Agenda Items:

1. Budget approval
2. Discuss Operation Rice Bowl
3. Participation in first weekend in March small group event

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