

St. Katharine Drexel Parish Committee Report

Human Concerns Committee (HCC)

Date of Meeting: 3/12/2019

Committee Chairperson: Ed Cody

Members Excused: Nancy Paul, Andi Larson, Kathy Dries, Matt Lanser

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

Members attending: Pat Burchardt, Dan Doyle, and Ed Cody.

Minutes of 1/15/2019 meeting (no February meeting): Minutes accepted.

Communication: Formation committee asked HCC to specify how HCC is helping to involved families in our committee focus of activities

Pastor's Concerns: Father Mike encouraged committee to find parishioners to be active in the Food for Souls initiative starting in the Tri Parish community

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Pastoral Care Coordinator:** Janice Tischler is the new pastoral care coordinator for our parish.
- 2. Baby Bottle Collection:** The collection to date is \$6279, with the possibility that more donations may be coming.
- 3. 2019-2020 HCC Budget:** The proposed budget was reviewed and approved by the committee members present. The proposed budget had been forwarded to the Finance Council, due to time deadline and the fact that HCC did not meet in February.
- 4. Blood Drive on March 7, 2019:** The blood drive netted 62 units of blood products, which is commendable. Due to the church renovation and the use of Mission Hall as our worship area, there will not be any blood drives in the parish center until the completion of the renovation project.
- 5. Operation Rice Bowl:** The rice bowls and other materials have been distributed in church. The committee approved using the local funds from the Rice Bowl proceeds to go to Joe's House funded through Bridges of Dodge County. The non-profit's mailing address is PO Box 244, Beaver Dam, WI 53916. Joe's House is a faith-based sober home for men in recovery from substance abuse.
- 6. Human Concerns Summit April 6, 2019:** Registration forms have been sent to committee members. Andi Larson and Ed Cody will be attending the morning event.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Novena for Life:** Ed presented the Knights of Columbus Novena for Life to be prayed from Sunday March 17, 2019 to the Feast of the Incarnation on March 25, 2019. Prayer cards with the "Prayer for Life" were distributed to the committees which met tonight. The Prayer for Life is to be prayed, followed by the Lord's Prayer, for the nine day time period. This novena has been linked to the Feast of the Incarnation to remind us that the value of human life was attested to by Jesus in his generous act of becoming man.
- 2. Mother's Day Rose Sale:** Matt Lanser told Ed that Matt was hoping that Dale Casperson would take over managing the event. This year, the sale may present some challenges with our worship site being in Mission Hall.
- 3. Completion of formation form:** Options of family participation include food drives such as Forty Cans for Lent, and family participation and education in Rice bowl activities. Future family participation in the Food for Souls garden would be an excellent opportunity for family involvement.

Closing Prayer. We closed the meeting with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Ed made a report on HCC meeting to the rest of the committees at 8:10 pm

Next Meeting Date/Time/Location:
April 9, 2019, 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center.

Decisions Made:

1. 2019-2020 HCC Budget was formally approved.
2. The Rice Bowl proceeds to go to Joe's House.

Next Meeting Agenda Items:

1. Explore ways to increase SKDP involvement in the Food for Souls effort.
2. Mother's Day Rose sale

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