

St. Katharine Drexel Parish Committee Report

Human Concerns Committee (HCC)

Date of Meeting: 3/10/2020

Committee Chairperson: Ed Cody

Members Excused: Nancy Paul, Dottie Thompson, Pat Burchardt, Tom Kalinosky, Matt Lanser

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

Members attending: Jim Hankes, Andi Larson, and Ed Cody. Guest—Sharon Austin.

Minutes of 2/11/2020 meeting: Minutes reviewed and accepted.

Introduction: Sharon Austin is considering becoming a member of the committee.

Communication: Social justice committee of Sisters of Blessed Sacrament (see below)

Pastor's Concerns: Father Mike attending funeral this evening.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Movie "Unplanned":** Andi is prepared to show the film on Sunday, March 15, 2020 at 3:00 pm at the parish center REC area. There is a short introduction by Archbishop ListECKI and a film clip on healing from abortion. Ed will contact the Pregnancy Support Center to have someone available to talk about the support center and answer questions.
- 2. Comments on Eucharistic Adoration:** The committee discussed how the Adoration prayer went for those who attended. It was agreed that the hours of Adoration were well planned and a worthwhile spiritual experience for the committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Social justice committee of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacraments:** Our parish received a letter from the Social Justice Committee for the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. That committee is working "to revitalize the committee with a current focus on the areas of racism, criminal justice reform, human trafficking and gun violence." That committee would like to collaborate with St. Katharine Drexel Parishes to share knowledge, ideas and action plans. Ed has contacted the chairperson of that committee, Joyce Hadley, an associate of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. Further information will be coming after their social justice committee meets in March.
- 2. Report on 40 Cans for Lent:** For the first two Sundays of Lent, over 600 lbs. of food was collected. This is greatly appreciated by the food pantry.
- 3. Operation Rice Bowl:** The distribution of rice bowls has been well organized and are still available for parishioners. Collection of rice bowls will be during Holy Week and the annual presentation of the offering of rice bowls will be at the Mass on Holy Thursday.
- 4. Update of Caring Hearts:** This ministry will be having a meeting on March 25, 2020 to review experiences of the group and to organize the periodic background checks as required by the Archdiocese. The Caring Hearts ministry remains active and is helpful to our parishioners who are not able to get around freely.
- 5. Mother's Day Rose Sale:** Matt sent a text message that there will be a sale of roses for mothers on Mother's Day in May.
- 6. Closing Prayer.** We closed the meeting with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting Date/Time/Location:
April 14, 2020, 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center.**

Decisions:

1. Showing of the movie "Unplanned" on March 15, 2020 is scheduled.
2. Awaiting further information regarding the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament Social Justice Committee.
3. Our parish will participate in the Mother's Day rose sale

Next Meeting Agenda Items:

1. Report on Arlene's Angels planning.
2. Further details of 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