

St. Katharine Drexel Parish Committee Report

Human Concerns Committee (HCC)

Date of Meeting: 11/13/2018

Committee Chairperson: Ed Cody

Members Excused: Nancy Paul, Dottie Thompson

Meeting called to order at 7:19 p.m.

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

Additions to Agenda: Human trafficking event at Harvest Evangelical Church

Minutes of 10/9/2018 meeting: Minutes accepted.

Communication: Archdiocese email regarding CRS Parish Ambassadors

Pastor's Concerns: Father Mike was pleased with event at Harvest Church on human trafficking.

Topics/Issues/Projects Discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Personal Essentials Pantry Collection:** Collection barrels have been placed in church and at the reception area in the parish center. The collection will continue through the month of November. Deb Parman and other members of Frist Evangelical Lutheran will collect the donated items, inventory the items, and distribute the donations to the food pantries in Beaver Dam.
- 2. Respect Life Topics:** Pat Burchardt discussed the topic of post abortion guilt and need for forgiveness. Committee discussed the need to spread the Good News of God's infinite mercy for all sins.
- 3. Local Community Concerns Regarding ICE Activities:** No further information or input at this time. Tabled for future discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Pastoral Council Request:** Bob Einwalter, chairperson of pastoral council, asked the committee to complete a form with contact information of current committee members. This information was given. He also asked that the committee discuss the question: What measureable goals match your Committee success with the Parish Mission or Vision? This question will be considered at the next committee meeting as tonight's agenda did not allow adequate time for discussion.
- 2. Dodge County Task Force to Prevent Opioid Use:** There have been three meetings of this county wide task force at the county administration building in Juneau. Ed reported on their initial discussion and the development of a media campaign targeting Dodge County to raise awareness of the problem of opioid use and addiction.
- 3. Participation in Red Kettle Bell Ringing:** Our parish and the KC's will be assisting the Salvation Army on December 7 and December 14, 2018 at Shopko. The initial response for volunteers has been great. Dan Doyle, a member of the Kiwanis, could use help on November 24, 2018 for ringing bells.
- 4. CRS Ambassador:** Rob Shelledy, Coordinator of Social Justice Ministry for the Archdiocese, sent an email about initial efforts to form a Parish Ambassador Corps for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Members of this Corps would presumably promote the activities of Catholic Relief Services, which assists the poor in underdeveloped countries. CRS sponsors our annual Rice Bowl Collection. Further information can be obtained from Rob at 414-758-2286 or shelledyr@archmil.org
- 5. Human Trafficking Event:** Dan Doyle reported on the event at Harvest Church. Information on the extent of the problem was presented by the 5 Stones Group and by

an attorney who prosecutes the laws on trafficking. This was an educational event to raise awareness of parents and the community regarding the use of social media to make contact with minors for the purpose of trafficking young people.

- 6. Visit to Guatemala:** Dan discussed his recent travel to Guatemala with Father Erick and raised the question about further involvement and connection between our parish and churches in Guatemala. This will be discussed further with Father Erick.

Closing Prayer. We closed the meeting with prayer and prayed for Chris and Dottie Thompson's continuing recovery from their auto accident.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next Meeting Date/Time/Location:

December 11, 2018, 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center. Our meeting will follow Mass, which will be at the church. After our committee meeting, there is the opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration on the evening of December 11 until the morning of December 12 when there will be another Mass at 5:30 a.m.

Decisions Made:

1. Continue Essential Collection through month of November.
2. Support Salvation Army Red Kettle effort.

Next Meeting Agenda Items:

Discuss measureable goals matching our committee's success with the Parish Mission or Vision

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