

St. Katharine Drexel Parish Committee Report

Human Concerns Committee (HCC)

Date of Meeting: 8/10/2021

Committee Chairperson: Ed Cody

Members Excused: Nancy Paul, Dottie Thompson, Diana Schneider, Pat Burchardt, Lynn Zick,

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. and opened with prayer in mission hall.

Members attending: Jim Hankes, Tom Kalinosky, and Ed Cody.

Minutes of 6/7/2021 meeting: Minutes reviewed and accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Walking with Moms in Need:** Further discussion at a later meeting.
- 2. Catholic Charities case manager:** For the time being, until a permanent case manager is hired for the Beaver Dam office, Clarita Wesley, a case manager from the Fond du Lac and Sheboygan Catholic Charities office, will be at the parish center on Fridays to staff the position. She is in the process of introducing Catholic Charities to the community and letting the community know that a case manager will be available for helping individuals in the area.
- 3. CRS Prayer Walk:** Jim Hankes has arranged for the materials and resources for the prayer walk experience to be available for St. Katharine Drexel Parish from 9/18/2021 to 9/23/2021. On the weekend (9/18 to 9/19), the prayer walk will be located in the southeast corner of the school gym. On 9/20 and 9/21, some grade levels in the school will view the display. On Wednesday, 9/22, the faith formation students and families can view the prayer walk. For the weekend of 9/25 and 9/26, the prayer walk will travel to the Tri Parish churches. Jim has the opportunity to attend the CRS Parish Ambassador Fall Retreat on 9/11/2021 from 9am to 1pm at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center. There will be a national deacon CRS meeting by Zoom on 9/9/2021.
- 4. Back to School Collection:** The collection of school supplies will continue through the weekend of August 14-15.
- 5. Pro-life legislative action alerts:** The committee discussed different approaches to the timely dissemination of the alerts to contact our members in the Congress. Ed will check on the ability on the parish to send out these alerts via email.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. SKDS Open House:** HCC has been invited to have representation at the school open house on Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Anyone who can be there, please contact Ed.
- 2. Pregnancy Support Center (PSCDC) Autumn Benefit:** PSCDC Autumn Benefit is on September 18, 2021 at the Juneau Community Center from 5:00 to 9:00 pm.
- 3. Volunteers needed for SVDP:** The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store has had increased donations of clothing and more volunteers are needed to sort the donated clothing. Volunteers are requested to wear masks while volunteering in the facility.

Closing Prayer. We closed the meeting with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting Date/Time/Location:
September 14, 2021, 7:00 p.m. at the parish center.

Decisions:

1. Jim Hanks will proceed the CRS Prayer Walk at St. Katharine Drexel Parish.
2. HCC encourages support for the PSCDC Autumn Benefit.
3. HCC will be present for the SKDS open house to greet families of the school.

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