

## **St. Katharine Drexel Parish Committee Report**

**Human Concerns Committee (HCC)**

**Date of Meeting: 12/10/2019**

**Committee Chairperson:** Ed Cody

**Members Excused:** Nancy Paul, John Leiting, Pat Burchardt, Tom Kalinosky

**Meeting called to order at 7:16 p.m.**

**Members attending:** Dottie Thompson, Matt Lanser, Jim Hanks, Andi Larson, Janice Tischler, and Ed Cody.

**Minutes of 12 /10/2019 meeting:** Minutes reviewed and accepted.

**Introduction:** Janice Tischler, the parish care coordinator, was introduced as a member of the committee.

**Communication:** None

**Pastor's Concerns:** Father Mike gave a brief update on the possibility of the empty convent residence, north of the parish center being purchased by New Beginnings as the site of the men's homeless shelter. There a number of issues and questions that will have to be addressed. It was noted that the Chili Supper after the City Christmas parade netted \$1205 for the homeless shelters.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1. Red Kettle Bell Ringing:** Jack Hanks and Rhonda Steiner extended a thank you for the parish involvement in helping the Salvation Army to raise \$42,000 to assist those in need.
- 2. Pro-life Activities:** Matt Lanser advised the committee that Dodge County Right to Life will not be publishing the annual dollar for life newspaper ad. Dodge County Right to Life thanks everyone who has supported this effort in the past. We will communicate to the parish members of this decision and that donation to the Pregnancy Support Center can be made in place of donating money to the advertisement. The annual baby bottle fund raiser for the center is currently being conducted by the KCs.
- 3. CRS Ambassador Effort:** Jim reported that the Rice Bowls have been received for the parish. He will continue to enlist the cooperation of the school faculty in incorporating Rice Bowl activities into the classroom. Dottie Thompson, a former teacher at the school, discussed how she had used the CRS information for her students. We again discussed the CRS stations program and when this can be presented, pending completion of the church renovation. One other CRS activity has to be selected as part of the CRS Ambassador effort.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Forty Cans for Lent:** In Lent, this food drive for the food pantry will again be organized by the KCs. The premise of this effort is for individuals to offer an alms offering of one food item for each day of Lent to assist the food pantry clients.
- 2. Novena for Life:** There will be a novena for life in conjunction with the KCs and the USCCB. At the web page, [kofc.9daysforlife.com](http://kofc.9daysforlife.com) individuals can have a daily email sent to them with a prayer for each of the nine days of the novena from January 21, 2020 to January 29, 2020.
- 3. Walking With Moms In Need:** Dottie Thompson presented ideas from the USCCB to promote parish communities in helping support mothers in need. Awareness of the services of the Pregnancy Support Center would be a goal for all the parishes in Dodge County.

- 4. End of Life Initiative:** The Archdiocese has developed resources on issues that are faced at the end of life. The information is on the Archdiocesan web site. These will be explored for the possibility of presenting the material locally for our community.
- 5. Pain Medication Program:** Prior to our meeting this evening, ASAP (Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention) sponsored a discussion at the Watermark regarding issues around proper use of pain medication, proper disposal and prevention of diversion of these medications, to avoid any misuse.
- 6. Budget for 2020-2021:** We reviewed the current year's budget and committee members will consider if they have any suggestion for next year's budget. This will be worked on before next month's meeting.

**Closing Prayer.** We closed the meeting with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

**Next Meeting Date/Time/Location:**  
**February 11, 2020, 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center.**

**Decisions:**

1. Food collection during Lent will be done with the assistance of the KCs.
2. Operation Rice Bowl to occur during Lent.
3. Novena for Life recommended for all parishioners with information in the parish bulletin.

**Next Meeting Agenda Items:**

1. 2020-2021 budget.

**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