

St. Katharine Drexel Parish Committee Report

Human Concerns Committee (HCC)

Date of Meeting: 6/7/2021

Committee Chairperson: Ed Cody

Members Excused: Nancy Paul

Meeting called to order at 5:45 p.m. and opened with prayer in St Cecilia's Room.

Members attending: Jim Hanks, Dottie Thompson, Diana Schneider, Pat Burchardt, Lynn Zick, and Ed Cody.

Minutes of 5/3/2021 meeting: Minutes reviewed and accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Communication:** The Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County (PSCDC) sent a thank you note for the parish donation to the center.
- 2. Walking with Moms in Need:** Michelle LeCaptain had expressed interest in this program. Dottie Thompson will contact Michelle and discuss if it is feasible to start such a program in our parish.
- 3. Life Walk:** The PSCDC's hiking event at Horicon Marsh was suitably attended and was enjoyed by those who participated, reported Dottie Thompson.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Catholic Charities case manager:** Father Mike has received information that our parish will be served by an onsite case manager. Our parish will partner with Catholic Charities by providing office space for the case manager. The committee discussed how the case manager can be welcomed and utilized in our community. Sue Holland, the supervisor for the case manager, will be here on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 to discuss how the case manager can function in our parish and in the Tri Parishes. More information and the starting date will be available in the future.
- 2. Catholic Relief Services (CRS):** Jim Hanks will explore having the CRS Prayer Walk experience at our parish, now that the Covid restrictions are being lifted. The committee had various suggestions on how the Prayer Walk could be organized and promoted to raise awareness of CRS.
- 3. Back to School Collection of school supplies:** The committee discussed this collection that our parish had done for Clothes for Kids before the pandemic. Ed will research if Clothes for Kids will use the school supplies this year. There is need to have someone take over the organization of the drive, as Kathy Dries had done this in previous years.
- 4. Advocacy for Life:** The USCCB's Pro Life chairman Archbishop Joseph Naumann has issued a statement opposing aspects of President Biden's proposed budget that would eliminate the Hyde Amendment and advance government funding for abortion in the United States. Members of congress need to be contacted to keep tax funds from being used for abortions. This information can be found on the USCCB web site at www.usccb.org under Issues and Action.

Closing Prayer. We closed the meeting with prayer, including prayers for the sick of our parish.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

There will not be a committee meeting in July.

Next Meeting Date/Time/Location:
August 2, 2021, 5:45 p.m. at the church narthex.

Decisions:

1. Jim Hanks will consider the timing and logistics of having the CRS Prayer Walk at St. Katharine Drexel Parish.
2. Potentially the Back to School Collection will be held in late July or early August.

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