

St. Katharine Drexel Parish Committee Report

Human Concerns Committee (HCC)

Date of Meeting: 9/14/2020

Committee Chairperson: Ed Cody

Members Excused: Nancy Paul, Andi Larson, Matt Lanser

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Minutes of 3/10/2020 meeting: Minutes reviewed and accepted.

Introduction: Lynn Zick will be on the committee as a liaison with Saint Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Katharine Drexel Parish

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Report on Movie "Unplanned":** Ed presented a report from Andi Larson that approximately 20 people viewed the film on Sunday, March 15, 2020. All in attendance were moved by the movie's message. Andi would like to show the film again in the future. \$134 was raised for the Pregnancy Support Center.
- 2. Operation Rice Bowl:** \$360.49 was collected in the abbreviated Rice Bowl collection this past Lent. 25% of that amount will be donated to PAVE in Beaver Dam.
- 3. Arlene's Angels:** Michelle LeCaptain has done some initial promotion for the effort that has the mission of "meals and mentoring for motherless children as they become mothers." She is using the verse from Joshua 1:9, which is "Be Strong. Be Brave. Be fearless. You are never alone." Since the start of the pandemic, Arlene's Angels has been at a standstill. Michelle did some promotion in physicians' offices and at the Pregnancy Support Center. She has the email address of arlenesangelsskdp@gmail.com and her phone number of 920-229-2560 as contact information about Arlene's Angels.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Pray the Rosary for America:** A Rosary rally will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2020 as noon in the St. Katharine Drexel Prayer Garden. These prayers will be offered for the good of our country in these troubling times.
- 2. Faithful Citizenship:** The committee reviewed the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) information on forming our conscience for voting in the upcoming elections in November. The USCCB web site has detailed information, as does the Archdiocese of Milwaukee web site, concerning Catholic social justice teaching on the issues before us. We will be putting links to the web sites and some condensed information into the bulletin and on our parish web site.
- 3. Bereavement Committee:** Pat reported that the bereavement committee will be resuming meetings under the leadership of Judy Vessey at the parish center.
- 4. Pregnancy Support Center (PSCDC) fundraiser:** Tom reported that the fundraiser, scheduled for September 26, 2020 may have to be cancelled due to low rates of people signing up to attend.
- 5. Blood Drives:** The last church based blood drive on September 3, 2020 at Harvest Evangelical Church collected 58 units of blood. Our parish has not hosted a blood drive during the church renovation. The next available opening for a blood drive is January 7, 2021. With the current use of Mission Hall and the procedures that the blood center uses during the pandemic, it would be feasible for our facility to be used again.
- 6. St. Vincent de Paul Conference:** Lynn presented an update on the activities of the conference.

Closing Prayer. We closed the meeting with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting Date/Time/Location:
October 12, 2020, 6:00 p.m. at the Parish Center.**

Decisions:

1. Information about "Faithful Citizenship" to be promoted.
2. Encourage and promote the Rosary prayer service on October 10, 2020.
3. Schedule blood drive at parish center for January 7, 2021.

Next Meeting Agenda Items:

1. 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