

St. Katharine Drexel Parish Committee Report

Human Concerns Committee (HCC)

Date of Meeting: 9/14/2021

Committee Chairperson: Ed Cody

Members Excused: Pat Burchardt

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened with prayer in mission hall.

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

Minutes of 8/10/2021 meeting: Minutes reviewed and accepted.

Communications: Nancy Paul will be stepping down from the committee as she has not been in Beaver Dam on a regular basis and is not able to continue attending meetings. The committee expressed our appreciation for her participation and her work in handling the monthly minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Walking with Moms in Need:** Dottie will check with Michelle LeCaptain to see if this is something that can be moved forward.
- 2. CRS Prayer Walk:** Jim Hanks has the materials for the prayer walk and will have the help of other committee members in setting up the walk. Jim has arranged for use of the prayer walk by the school and by the faith formation program, with age appropriate modification of the reading materials. At the national deacon CRS meeting, there were Deacon CRS Fellows who are available to preach about CRS activities. There also may be resources from the Archdiocese CRS Ambassador program for local preaching about CRS.
- 3. Back to School Collection Report:** The collection of school supplies was less than previous years, but still was appreciated by Clothes for Kids.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Time and Talent Parish Form:** The entire committee reviewed the form that has been used in the past. A number of categories of service, that are no longer being used in the parish, were eliminated or changed. Volunteer help for the Dodge County Pregnancy Support Center and the SVDP Thrift Store were added. The entire format of the form is being revised for use later this fall.
- 2. Special collections:** Lynn asked for consideration for a special collection to support the SVDP Conference at St. Katharine Drexel Parish. Dottie reported that the LaCrosse Catholic Charities has been instrumental in obtaining supplies for the Fort McCoy Afghan refugees. The committee discussed a collection to help the LaCrosse Catholic Charities in this crisis.

Closing Prayer. We closed the meeting with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting Date/Time/Location:

October 12, 2021, 7:00 p.m. at the parish center.

Decisions:

1. Committee members will assist Jim Hankes with the CRS Prayer Walk.
2. HCC recommendations for the Time and Talent form will be forwarded to Janice Tischler.

Next Meeting Agenda Items:

Further arrangements and discussion for the special collections mentioned above.

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