

Tri-parish Human Concerns Committee Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2022 St. Mary, Heim Hall 6:30 p.m.

Minutes taken and submitted by Jacki Scholze

Attendance: Sue Laskowski, Julie Koenen, Dee Baumeister, Eileen Gabriel, Sue Novasic, Ruth Neu, and Jacki Scholze

The meeting began with prayer. Introductions and welcomes made. Special welcome to Sue Laskowski, Tri-parish Pastoral Council Liaison to Human Concerns. A short history of Human Concerns Ministry given by Jacki Scholze.

Old Business

- The contact form was reviewed and corrected. Special thanks to Ruth Neu for her many years of service representing the ProLife subcommittee at our Human Concerns meetings. Sue Novasic will now represent ProLife at our meetings. Also, thank you to our Prison Ministry folks Dee Baumeister and John and Betty Park for completing your ministry to Robert Ellsworth Correctional facility in Racine Co. It is commendable that you had attempted to work through the new protocols following the pandemic. Mary Ann Johnson will be contacted regarding her status with this ministry.
- June meeting minutes were revisited. There has been no additional information to add to those minutes.

New Business

- 2023 Meetings dates tentatively agreed to: Tuesday, February 14 at St. Joseph; Tuesday, June 13 at St. Charles; and Tuesday, October 10 at St. Mary. This schedule will be finalized after consulting Fr. Sergio and meeting site availabilities. Times of meetings will be 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Archdiocese Lenten Luncheon information shared by Jacki Scholze. Our deanery will be asked to find table sponsorships for the luncheon at Bristol Oaks on March 21, 2023. More information for this even will be available in January.
- During Advent each parish will conduct their own opportunity for gift opportunity to the needy. Julie Koenen shared that St. Joseph shall be asking for Gifts of Hope for Catholic Relief Services. Eileen Gabriel believes St. Mary will continue with the tradition of gifts supporting Love, Inc. Jacki Scholze said St. Charles will be collecting monies supporting holiday meals to Love, Inc. and St. Vincent de Paul.
- Julie Koenen raised the concern about difficulty in parking for the Tuesday evening "Journey Through Catholicism". Jacki Scholze found out after the meeting that this concern was already addressed and these evening programs will be held in Andre Hall at St. Charles beginning with the October 18th presentation.
- Sue Novasic asked if anyone was attending the dinner to support Life Choices in early November. Julie Koenen said some from St. Joseph were attending a similar dinner to support Women's Health of Walworth Co. Sue Novasic and Ruth Neu will be attending the Life Choices dinner.
- Jacki Scholze reported that Catholic Charities US is also providing humanitarian relief to hurricane victims in Florida. The donation information will be updated in the bulletin for parishioners.
- Julie Koenen asked about the signing up process for Jen Reeseman's magazine highlighting parish families. Jacki Scholze agreed to get more information on this. **Update: To get added to the mailing list for Burlington Parish Neighbors email Jen Resseman at jreesman@decidedexcellence.com.**

Committee Reports:

- Eileen Gabriel explained the **Outreach** vetting process used by St. Mary and St. Charles to determine local, state, national, and global recipients of monies collected on the 5th Sundays of each year. To date in 2022, St. Mary has supported 22 agencies and awarded over \$4,400 total with the next fifth Sunday collection to take place on October 29 & 30th. Julie Koenen reported that St. Joseph continues to donate outreach money as it comes in through their special envelopes more regularly to a wide variety of agencies. All three Outreach subcommittees continue to keep this important ministry visible to parishioners through the bulletin.

- Sue Novasic reports that **ProLife** continues to be a face and presence outside of the abortion clinic in Milwaukee on Friday and Saturday mornings even after the Roe v. Wade reversal. 40 Days for ProLife will last into November and will begin again for another 40 days on Ash Wednesday. Raising awareness of our local efforts continues to be difficult. How are we to get the word out about voting? What are we able to put into our bulletin or website? ProLife Chain continues with only a small group of people in attendance. Discussion of rose sales on Mother's Day held. Cost of roses increased and sales were down at St. Charles and St. Mary. Ruth Neu will not conduct the sale at St Charles in 2023. She would like to see the diaper drive resume next year instead. St. Joseph and St. Mary may work together on rose sales next year.
- **Love, Inc. Meal Program** *St. Mary's has been serving a meal for the Love Inc. Meal Program every second Wednesday of the month. On April 13, 2022 we began serving participants in Love's Neighborhood Pointe meeting area as well as continuing to provide to-go meals. We prepare enough food to serve forty meals. It is typical to serve about twenty on site meals and make about twenty to-go boxes. We did not serve a meal in August because the Love Back to School program was being held in the meeting area. Our menu for July, September and October includes Sloppy Joe's, Pasta Salad, Blueberry Fluff and a choice of either white or chocolate milk. This meal has been well received. Report submitted electronically by Mary Coppernoll.*

Closing prayer and Hail Mary. Meeting adjourned.

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