

Christian Concerns Committee

Meeting Minutes – May 10, 2021

The meeting opened with a prayer by Dianne

Pine Ridge – Jacyntha reported that nothing has changed on the reservation at this time. Hoping that we can do our annual Christmas trip in December.

Christian Concerns Envelopes –The envelopes for March and April for the Kenyan orphanage netted \$5,484.02.

Respect Life –Rita and Carol reported that Redeem and Restore is having their fundraising Gala, which includes a luncheon and auction, at the Majestic Theater on May 22. The committee agreed to donate \$500 to this fundraiser.

Marlilyn Horst spoke to the committee regarding a designated site in each of our cemeteries for the burial of babies who died at birth or miscarriage etc., a place where families can pray and grieve. These sites are already in place. The committee discussed the next step is to purchase a bench for the entrance of the sites to use for prayer. There is a support program called Hearts of Hope that reaches out to hospitals to offer support and help to anyone suffering the loss of a baby.

Rita reported that 177 people came to donate blood at the last blood drive. The next drive will be on June 24, 2021.

St. Vincent DePaul –Lisa reported that bundle weekend will take place this weekend May 15 and 16. There will be a truck in the North Lake parking lot. Lisa said that the committee's meetings can now resume again in person. The food pantry will also be opening for in-person shopping on May 25, 2021.

New Threads –Dianne just received a call from Dennis at New Threads. He said he is in desperate need of help now as several semi-truck loads of clothes had just been delivered. So the team of workers will begin on Tuesday, May 18.

Kenya Orphanage – Jacyntha reported that the orphanage in Kenya has been told they will now need to have a wall built around the entire complex before the children can be moved in. This is for their protection and safety. Furnishing continues as does fundraising.

Miscellaneous –The committee discussed ideas for our annual Missionary speaker this year. It was decided that we would wait for the Archdiocese recommendation.

The meeting ended with a prayer.

The next meeting will be September 13, 2021.