

Minutes for Human Concerns March 22, 2017

Members present: Carol Bannen, Linda Bardele, Mary Benson, Cindy Chovanec, Meaghan Cleaver, Pat Krolikowski, Judoy Maret, Peter Rebholz, Mary Sermersheim, Sue Schmitt, Karen Vetrano, Jan Zettel

Linda Bardele opened the meeting with the approval of the February minutes.

We had a brief discussion of the Reflection question of the night: "How can our Christ King Community combine caring for our parishioners and facilities with sharing the knowledge and love of God with the greater Milwaukee area? A few of the suggestions were:

- Being a Christian example to others while out at community events and answering questions about our faith and our parish when asked.
- Serving our community through donations of money, food, and clothing.
- Increasing our own faith through prayer and Bible study.

We spent time discussing the questions relating to our parish's intentional advancement of our mission to *Proclaim Christ and Make Disciples Through the Sacramental Life of the Church*. Our answers to these questions will be discussed at the May 17 Common Meeting night. (I am keeping an open document of the answers to the questions that we have discussed thus far. I will send it to you when I have time to compile our recent responses.)

Cindy shared the final mission statement of our Human Concerns Committee sent by Marty Merkt. It reads, "**Our Mission is to be an extension of God's love, compassion and mercy to our neighbors near and far. We accomplish this through direct service, education, prayer and financial support.**"

Sue Schmitt reported that the annual toiletries drive will be held during the weekends of April 22 and April 29. The middle schoolers of Christ King will also help with this drive.

Sue also shared an email that she received about help that is needed for Fellowship Sundays in April and May. Sue will check with the Hospitality Committee to find out more details. Our committee will possibly help out in May.

Cindy shared Anna Retzke's request for funds for herself and another parish member to attend the Interfaith Fundraiser on April 25. Pat Krolikowski suggested that there might be money in the Volunteer line item of our budget to fund this. Cindy will refer the request to Steve.

Linda Bardele and another parishioner will attend the Right To Life Dinner.

The new Job Description form was presented. Please fill out on paper or online and submit to Steve Obscherning. (I sent this form out last week with the agenda).

Judy Maret reported that the food drive is going well. We will continue to have an additional food drive in the summer. Some consideration will be given to extend beyond our borders and donate food in the future to St Michael's or to the Congregation of the Holy Spirit.

Cindy shared an email from Kate and Gerry Neugent regarding Habitat For Humanity. It reads: "The past two weekends our volunteers worked hard to put the finishing touches on Dolores' home and it looks like she will be ready to move in with her boys in April. The house looks great! We anticipate that the house blessing will occur in May and anyone who has volunteered or

anyone who is interested in attending, is welcome to come to the house blessing. We will provide notice of the date in the bulletin and on the website. We won't need volunteers for the next few months but then in July we will be breaking ground on a new house and there will be plenty of volunteer opportunities. So, if you know anyone who is interested in volunteering, please send me their name, phone number, and/or email address."

Linda Bardele reported on the Parish Giving for April and May:

- Daystar, Inc. \$500
- Greater Milwaukee Free Clinic \$500
- Literacy Services of Wisconsin (Committee agreed to increase the amount given to \$400 from \$2000)
- Franciscan Peacemakers-Clare Community \$300
- The Guest House \$500
- Our Committee also approved Linda's suggestion that we donate \$325 to the Rescue Mission and \$325 to the Dominican Center on 24th and Locust which is in the 53206 area that has great need. (In addition to the extra \$200 to the Literacy Services this will add up to the extra \$850 that we have left in the budget for donations.)

Please fill out the expense form in the parish office and submit any receipts that you have so that you can be reimbursed from this year's budget.

Carol Bannen reported that several new books have arrived and are ready for checkout in the Parish Library. Some of the titles are those suggested by Father Phillip in his talk last month, Carol said that we have over 2,000 books in our library.

Mary Sermersheim reported that the SVDP Spring Clothing Drive will be held on Saturday, May 13. Volunteers are needed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Chovanec