

Minutes for Human Concerns

February 21, 2018

Members Present: Carol Bannen, Linda Bardele, Cindy Chovanec, Tom Heller, Ken Kloser, Pat Krolikowski, Judy Maret, Jim Pittelkow, Mary Sermersheim

Cindy Chovanec opened the discussion with the Reflection question of the night, "How do our "mountain top" experiences of Christ help us in the depths of life's valleys?". Several members offered thoughtful responses. As a whole, we felt that our individual positive experiences in which we felt Christ in our lives helped to sustain us in times of trials. As a committee, our purpose is to help others in need. By doing so, we in turn receive blessings and realize that Christ is always in our midst. We reflected on how Billy Graham helped so many to strengthen their faith. He passed away on Wednesday at the age of 99.

The January 17, 2018 minutes were approved.

Tom Heller passed out budget document that showed the actual budgets from 2015/2016 and 2016/2017. Also included was the YTD budget for this fiscal year 2017/2018. The goal for this evening was to discuss the budget requests for 2018/2019. Tom did an excellent job of reviewing the budget requests line by line. Those who were present gave input on requests from their ministries. Cindy shared an email request from Tosa Interfaith, and we were able to get input from Tosa Trio and Social Justice as well. Tom will make adjustments as requested and submit the budget as well as share his final report with us.

Linda Bardele shared the document: Criteria For Other Parish Donations. Due to time constraints, we decided to discuss this document at our next meeting.

Linda has received several thank you letters from some of the agencies who have received our donations. Linda will put these letters in the center of our meeting table and members can look through them during future meetings.

Linda also mentioned that the Right to Life Dinner scheduled for Friday, April 13th is at 5:00 p.m., not 5:30 p.m.. Again, if you are interested, please send an email to Cindy by this coming Saturday, February 24th. There are funds available to cover all or some of the cost. How much depends on the number of people attending. We offered the opportunity to attend to all committees at the end of the evening during common committee reports.

Judy Maret shared a thank you for a check received from Christ King to the Community Tosa Food Pantry. Judy will check with Ron Braier as we have no record of any check issued by Human Concerns. The dates for the Spring Food Drive are: **Weekends of March 3rd/4th, March 10th/11th, and March 17th/18th.**

Cindy shared a thank you letter that Sue Schmitt received from Kid's Matter, Inc. regarding the donations from the Advent Giving Tree.

Pat Krolikowski gave a wonderful presentation to all of the committees on the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Pat showcased some of the beautiful types of knitted and crocheted pieces that are given to those who are ill or those who need comfort in time of need. Pat also explained how the members of this ministry pray while creating these wonderful gifts. Pat also gave a brief history as to how this ministry began.

At Father Phillip's request, our individual meetings adjourned at 7:45 p.m. All committees met in the dining room to report on the evening's discussions.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Chovanec