

## Minutes for Human Concerns Meeting September 20, 2017

Members and visitors present: Steve Obscherning, Cindy Chovanec, Z Schaefer, Mary Sermersheim, Mary Benson, Pat Krolkowski, Judy Maret, Ken Kloser, Kevin O'Brien, Kate and Gerry Neugent, Tom Heller, Craig Griffe, Jim Deguzman, Linda Bardele, Kathy Schaefer, Jan Zettel. (A few other visitors came and went but didn't leave their names.)

Steve began our meeting with a prayer for all those who have recently experienced hurricanes, earthquakes and other natural disasters.

As we have two new parish liaisons and visitors, we took the time to make introductions. Steve welcomed Tom Heller as our new Treasurer. Tom joined our committee a few years ago, and we are grateful that he is willing to take over this important position.

Cindy read our mission statement that was included in the new Ministry and Service Guide. Steve asked that we take the time to look over the new guide. Craig also suggested that we slowly digest what's included in the guide. Cindy also read the answers to the Reflection Questions on "Who Christ King Parish is Called to Be." We spent three meetings last Spring reflecting on these questions. In addition to our mission statement, our answers also give an insight into who we are as a committee.

Linda Bardele went over the October Parish Giving which includes the following: Casa Romero \$250; Life Navigators \$500; Notre Dame School of Milwaukee \$400; School Sisters of Notre Dame \$700; Women's Support Center of Milwaukee, Inc. \$500. Linda mentioned that she received a request for funds from the *Marquette University Center for Peacemaking* ([Marquette.edu/peacemaking](http://Marquette.edu/peacemaking)). Their goal is to teach economically disadvantaged students the value of nonviolence and conflict resolution. This organization does not receive funds from Marquette. As a committee, we decided to table further discussion at this time. Feel free to visit their website for more information.

As we have \$1000 for emergency requests, Linda Bardele suggested that we make a donation to Catholic Relief Services to aid those impacted by the recent hurricanes. She consulted with Father Phillip about this. Steve suggested that we donate \$500 to CRS at this time. Our committee agreed. Steve also suggested that we consider donating more to the SVDP in the future for the wonderful work that they do.

Kate and Gerry Neugent gave a report on Habitat for Humanity. There have been big changes in Habitat this year. \$75,000 is needed to sponsor our own house. We are members of a parish coalition that receives \$25,000 per year to sponsor a house. Christ King donates \$5000 per year. We brainstormed some ways to raise money so that we could sponsor our own house. Having our own home makes it much more personal and volunteers then have a vested interest in the family who will be owning the home. Kathy Schaefer who was one of our visitors agreed to talk with Kate and Gerry about some ideas for fundraising. Kathy has had success in the area of fundraising. Craig also suggested looking into the possibility of a city development grant that supports urban housing (CGDB). We also discussed ways to get the word out to parishioners who may have furniture, etc to donate to the Habitat for Humanity Restore. If they mention that they would like the profits to go to our Christ King Habitat branch, the funds would go directly to our fund. Kate and Gerry will write something up for the bulletin.

Judy Maret gave a report on the Summer Food Drive. 45 bags of food were collected. Judy read a wonderful letter of gratitude from the Tosa Food Pantry. They were very thankful for the amazing generosity of our parish. Ken Kloser did a fantastic job of involving the grade school in the Spring Food Drive.

Cindy reported that the School Supply Drive was a huge success. Over 30 backpacks were donated as well as numerous other supplies. Supplies were donated to some of our own teachers, our Religious Education Program, some needy families through SVDP, a family from Wauwatosa Catholic, and other schools in the 53206 zip code.

Mary Sermersheim reported that the Fall Clothing Drive will take place on October 7 from 10-1. Contact Mary if you can volunteer.

Z Schaefer distributed a copy of a brochure detailing several educational opportunities for Social Justice Awareness. Please email Z if you are interested or would like to learn more about these opportunities. We can pay a percentage of the cost.

Z also shared that our Prayer Shawl Ministry has now partnered with SVDP Society so that members of SVDP can take these beautifully knitted items along when they make their visits.

The meeting adjourned to the Parish Center for sharing with other committees.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Chovanec