

St. Bruno Human Concerns Committee Meeting

May 9, 2017

7:15 PM

Attending: Tom Parulski–chair, Sharon Burt, Lynn Haugner, Betty Igl, Eileen Rudnick- PC Liaison

Absent/Excused: Sue James

1. Opening Prayer – Fatima Prayer

2. Old Business:

a. Parish Organizational Chart – Eileen now has this chart. Eileen expressed concern about not knowing what all of the Human Concerns ministries are doing. She asked Tom how often the ministries communicate with him. Some ministries (those with members on HCC) communicate regularly. Others only communicate when asked; some are more detailed than others.

b. Booklet of Contact Information for all Ministries – Betty talked to Rita Borowski about the information she collected on ministries. Rita said that she doesn't have the information now that she no longer works for the parish. Eileen showed us a copy of ministry descriptions which she got from Jan Lamparski. These need editing before they can be published. Betty will work with Sue Solberg to write up descriptions. Eileen also showed us a tri-fold document with contact information for committee/ministry chairpersons that she got in 2003 when she joined the parish. We need a similar document to give to new parishioners, because currently the parish doesn't have anything that's up-to-date.

c. Coordinating Lifeline Efforts – Sue James and Jane Parulski are co-chairs of the Lifeline ministry. At our last meeting we talked about joining with St. Paul Parish to coordinate pro-life activities. St. Paul Parish celebrates pro-life in January because of the Roe vs Wade Supreme Court decision. Jane would like to keep October as the month that the St. Bruno celebrates pro-life because the USCCB (United States Council of Catholic Bishops) designates October as Respect Life Month. Our discussion resulted in agreement that our observance should be broader than the abortion issue, so October is seen as the more appropriate month.

d. Function of Danny's Helping Hands – We still haven't received a report from Rita Mezydlo on how many people are being served through Danny's Helping Hands. Several members of HCC expressed concern that there may be people in need who aren't being helped. We discussed possible ways to keep a paper trail of this ministry. Is it possible to match up those needing help with volunteers through an online/email process? Betty will send a letter to all HC ministries, requesting bi-monthly reports on services provided.

e. **Men Who Cook Auction donation** – We don't know how much money was donated for the gift basket provided by HCC. Was it worth the effort? Sharon will request information from Karen Hoffman.

3. New Business:

a. **Guatemalan Mission Ministry** – Sharon reported the following:

- Student Sponsorships: 150 out of 160 students have sponsors. More sponsors are needed because some sponsors have moved on.
- The Flower Sale pick-up is May 21 from 9:00 AM – noon. We have the same number of orders as previous years.
- A quarterly payment of \$550 has been sent to St. Augustine Parish. We are up-to-date in these payments.
- The clinic we supported in the past had not been staffed for about a year. It is now staffed with a few doctors, so we are sending them \$3000 for medicines. Our Parish trustee treasurer, Steve Paquin, is asking for accountability in the form of documentation from the doctors containing a list of items purchased.

b. **Lifeline to give out Mother's Day Flowers** – On May 13/14 the Lifeline ministry, along with our Knights of Columbus, are giving out flowers to mothers. They will be accepting free-will donations for Life's Connection. The bulletin referred to this as a "flower sale," which brought about a discussion about permission needed for fund raising in the Parish. Eileen will ask at Pastoral Council if there is a procedure for getting approval for collecting money.

c. **Hispanic Ministry** is now having Mass at St. Bruno's every Sunday evening. Fr. Bob continues to serve this community.

Next Meeting – September 12, 2017

Closing Prayer 8:25 PM

Submitted by Lynn Haugner