

## St. Bruno Human Concerns Committee Meeting

March 13, 2018

7:15 PM

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

**Absent/Excused:** Sue James

### 1. Opening Prayer – Lenten Prayer

### 2. Old Business:

a. **Giving Tree and Thanksgiving Food Drive Results** – Our Giving Tree was very successful. A summary report of gifts was published in the Parish Bulletin and given to the Parish office. See attachment to these minutes for a more detailed report. The Thanksgiving Food Drive was also very successful.

b. **Baby Bottle Drive** – \$1310 was collected in a baby bottle campaign in January for pro-life causes. All of the money was given to Life’s Connection. These results were published in the Bulletin. Discussion: procedure/policy of getting approval for fund raisers.

c. **Rice Bowl** – Boxes for the Rice Bowl collection are available in the gathering place.

d. **Other Old Business** –

**Communication about funerals, etc.** Several people expressed concern about not knowing of a funeral of a fellow parishioner. Discussion: We need better use of Flocknote to inform parishioners about funerals. We understand that Mark M sends an email to Circle of Life (Peggy Kneprath) when planning funerals. We suggest that Jan Lamparski also be included in the email so she can send out a Flocknote.

**Booklet of Ministries and Committees:** Eileen showed us a draft/copy of a new parish directory of committees and ministries that Jan Lamparski is preparing. She still needs contact information for some groups.

### 3. New Business:

a. **HCC Ministries guests:** Eileen asked if Human Concerns ministry leaders are being invited to our meetings and if they are providing a few sentences to report on their activities. Tom received an email from Sandy Mayernick regarding the Circle of Life Ministry. See attached at end of minutes. Tom will keep trying to get reports from other ministries for future meetings..

b. **Danny’s Helping Hands** – We haven’t received any information from Rita Mezydlo about the people served by Danny’s Helping Hands while Rita was in our parish. Sharon has copies of forms that should have been filled out each time a volunteer helped someone. She also has old lists of volunteers.

Betty said that Fr. Dan hasn't asked her to find a replacement for Rita to lead this ministry. The consensus was that there is a need for this kind of ministry, but reactivating the ministry is a big job that none of us are willing/able to take on at this time. Questions: How big is the need? Are there people calling the Parish office asking for help? What are our Parish Goals? Should a staff member coordinate this ministry?

c. **Men Who Cook** – Committees have been asked to contribute auction items. Sharon said that she and Jane Parulski talked about a basket of "Made in Wisconsin" items. They are accepting donations.

d. **Other new business** – The spring Flower Sale is coming up. Fliers will be in the bulletin. Flower pick up will be the weekend after Mother's Day.

**Next Meeting – May 8, 2018**

**Closing Prayer 8:35 PM**

Submitted by Lynn Haugner

**Giving Tree 2017 .....**

**St. Ben's (438 items donated)**

Jackets – 7, Shoes - 3 pr, Sweaters – 3, Blankets – 25, Sleeping bags – 2, T Shirts – 12

Neck warmer – 2, Hand warmers – 3 pks, Underwear/ briefs – 71, Socks – 162 pr

Gloves – 58pr, Hats – 76, Scarves -9, + (assorted late items) 5

**TOTAL ITEMS : 438**

**Life's Connection: (350 items donated)**

Diapers – 76 dozen (917) , Diaper bags – 7, Blankets – 30 (13 large+ 17 small)

Burp cloths -8, Bibs – 28, Gates – 3, Safety kits – 5, Sheets - 21

Clothes – 152 (pants/shirts/dresses/pjs), Socks – 16 pr, Toys – 4

**TOTAL ITEMS: 350**

## **St. Vincent DePaul (\$1175 donated)**

Gas cards - \$790

Food cards/certificates - \$385

**Total = \$1175 in Gift Cards**

## **Family Promise (Two families) (15 items + \$200 donated)**

Walmart Gift Cards = \$200

Toys - 15

## **Hebron House (66 items + \$477 donated)**

Gift Cards - \$477 (Fast food -\$62, Movie - \$45, Walmart \$130, Target - \$240)

Footballs – 12, Soccer balls – 5, Scarves – 5, Hats – 7, Mittens – 9 pr, Other toys – 28

**Total Items = 66 + \$477 in Gift Cards**

Here is some information on our Circle of Life Ministry that you may want to share at the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

On August 15<sup>th</sup>, last year, we contacted over 15 area parishes, inviting them to attend a meeting here at St. Bruno to discuss ways to offer support for those who are grieving. Patrick Dean, from the archdiocese, was kind enough to attend and offer his support. Only 4 parishes were represented. As of yet, we haven't heard from any of the parishes to know if they are offering grief support groups. We were hoping that there would be a way to share what is offered by area churches for those who are grieving. We sometimes talk with people who are looking for a support group, and it would be so helpful to have a list of available area groups, meetings, etc.

In October, we invited participants from our previous 4 Support Groups to a pot luck supper after the 4 p.m. Mass. Quite a few people attended and were very pleased to be able to get together, to share where they are in their grief journey. In fact, this gathering was so well received, that the group suggested we plan a Pot luck in October, 2018, on Sweetest Day! That's our plan!

In November, Father Dan presided over our Mass of Remembrance. We heard many positive comments about having a Mass, instead of a Remembrance Service, this year! The altarcito was up for the month of November, along with our "Angel Board".

We continue with our card ministry.

Circle of Life Ministry will be facilitating our eight week Bereavement Support Group, which will begin on June 5<sup>th</sup>. This will be our 5<sup>th</sup> year to offer our "Good Grief Group".

Pagenkopf funeral Home once again donated \$500 to cover the cost of the books and journals given to those attending our support group. I talked with Steve about our budget for Circle Ministry. He said he will be checking to let us know if we have a specific budget for our Bereavement Ministry, or if we are under Human Concerns, so don't have a budget specific to our Circle of Life Ministry. Thank you for checking on that for us.