

St. Bruno Human Concerns Committee Meeting

November 8, 2016

7:15 PM

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

Absent/Excused: Sue James

1. Opening Prayer

2. Old Business:

a. **Baby Bottle Collections for Lifeline Ministry** – The baby bottle collection for life issues was successful. Tom raised a question about why the Knights of Columbus were also collecting money for life issues on the same weekend. Were both collections on the Parish calendar? Shouldn't we try to avoid calendar conflicts? Sharon asked if we should coordinate Lifeline efforts with St. Paul Parish. There was a discussion about October versus January for pro-life. Lynn will ask K of C about their collection. (This is the second time that our K of C has participated in Life Savers for Life.)

b. **Life's Connection speaker at St. Bruno's?** – Sue was going to talk to Mary Kral about scheduling a Life's Connection speaker as part of adult education. Sharon thought our Human Concerns Committee could sponsor a LC speaker as a separate event. They have speakers who are eager to speak to parish audiences. Steve Spiegelhoff is active with LC. Because Sue wasn't at this meeting, Betty will talk to Mary Kral about who should sponsor this event.

c. **Thanksgiving Food Drive** – Sue has the Thanksgiving Food Drive all organized for this year. St. Vincent DePaul will distribute grocery bags with lists of needed items on November 12/13. Food will be delivered to the food pantry by volunteers on November 25. We discussed a potential problem with collecting grocery bags because there is no mass at St. Bruno's on Thanksgiving Day. Lynn will submit an announcement to be read at church this weekend, advising parishioners to return the bags of food *before* Thanksgiving.

d. **Giving Tree** – We decided to set the official dates for the Giving Tree as November 26 through December 18. Our charities this year will be St. Vincent de Paul (with an emphasis on gas cards, but also asking for Roundy's and Sentry), St. Ben's (using the same gift list for men as last year), the Christ Child Society & Life's Connection (both groups collect baby layettes), and Family Promise & Hebron House (gift cards). Lynn will prepare the Bulletin flier. Sharon and Lynn will make paper ornaments. Tom will put up the tree on Thanksgiving weekend and take it down when done. Since our timeline is one week longer than previous years, we will inventory most of the gifts during the week of December 12, but still accept gifts until the 18th. Sharon will deliver most of the gifts. Pat Gross will pick up Christ Child items and Joe Finn will take things to St. Ben's.

3. New Business:

a. **HCC member to a Pastoral Council meeting** – Eileen Rudnick reported that the Pastoral Council is asking committees to send representatives to a PC meeting. Since Tom already attended a PC meeting this year, he doesn't need to attend at this time.

b. **HCC Budget** – We viewed a printout of the HCC budget because of a money question raised by the Circle of Life ministry. Due to our confusion in looking at the document, this topic will be moved to our January agenda.

c. **Reports from ministries** –

Circle of Life – Can we allocate funds for a Priest stipend for the Mass of Remembrance next year? Is there money available to purchase cards to send to parishioners who have lost loved ones during the anniversary month of their death? They would like to have a Mass for widows and widowers with a light supper afterwards, "bring a friend". It has worked well at other parishes. It is a way for those who've participated in Good Grief sessions to stay in contact with each other.

Green Team has been communicating with Mary Kral about introducing the Green Team ministry to St. Paul's.

Guatemala – Sharon reported that letters from Guatemalan students are on their way, but they are hand delivered and often go through many hands and places before they arrive in Dousman.

d. **Other: Pastoral Council Report:** Eileen reported that the Parish has been tracking attendance and donations based on the new Mass schedule. She asked about communication with HC ministries. She needs to report to the Pastoral Council about all of our activities. We discussed looking at the Parish calendar. Tom can also forward email reports from ministries to Eileen. Lynn suggested that Tom forward ministries' emails to everyone on the HCC.

Next Meeting – Jan. 10, 2017

Closing Prayer 9:30 PM

Submitted by Lynn Haugner