

St. Bruno Human Concerns Committee Meeting

November 14, 2017

7:15 PM

Attending: Tom Parulski–chair, Sharon Burt, Sue James, Lynn Haugner, Betty Igl, Eileen Rudnick- PC Liaison **Absent/Excused:** - -

1. Opening Prayer – Prayer for the World Day of the Poor – “Open the Doors of My Heart”

2. Old Business:

a. Communication with Human Concerns Ministries– Eileen reported that Jan Lamparski is preparing a new parish directory of committees and ministries. Jan sent out an email to chairpersons. Sue, Sharon and Tom said that they don’t remember getting the email which asked contact persons to provide an email and phone number and also to approve the description of their committee/ministry.

b. Coordinating with St. Paul’s – Sue James went to St. Paul’s Human Concerns meeting on Sept. 13. Both of our parishes will do a baby bottle campaign in January to collect donations for pro-life causes.

c. Thanksgiving Food Drive – Bags were distributed last weekend. Food donations are due by Thanksgiving Day. Sue and her helpers will be at church on Friday, November 24, at 8:30 AM to take the bags to the food pantry.

d. Giving Tree – A Giving Tree flier has been prepared and will be included in this upcoming weekend bulletin. This year there are descriptions of two of our charities (Life’s Connection & Family Promise) on the back. The main change this year is the list of gifts for Life’s Connection. They get an abundance of baby clothes, so they requested toddler-size clothes and diapers, as well as sheets, diaper bags, boppy pillows, child-proof kits, and baby gates. They also asked for some large-ticket items (car seats & baby monitors), which we haven’t put on our list. We had a discussion about the possibility of using some of the Target & Walmart gift cards for this purpose. Sharon and Lynn will get the tree and boxes from storage this week. We will get together to put up the Tree on Friday Nov. 24 at 8:30 AM when Sue is here to transport the food donations.

We will need to give an accounting of the total amounts of gifts to Steve Spiegelhoff at the end of the project.

e. Other

Danny’s Helping Hands – Eileen reported that Rita Mezydlo affirmed that this is still an active ministry.

Communication with HC ministries – In the future we will email the contact person of each of the human concerns ministries 1-2 weeks prior to our meeting to invite them to the meeting and to request that they email a short report (3-5 sentences) of their recent activities. We also talked about completing a calendar of Human Concerns Ministries' activities.

3. New Business:

a. **Pastoral Council Report**– January 10 will be a common meeting night get together. From 6:00 – 6:45 there will be a pot luck supper, followed by a half hour in church. After that we will have a short Human Concerns Committee meeting.

b. **St. Ben's** – Sharon asked Betty about December 24. Since that Sunday is Christmas Eve, will we be going to St. Ben's in December? Sharon also reported that the St. Ben's volunteers have decided to change the time they leave from St. Bruno's to drive into Milwaukee. They will be leaving at 3:30, so they don't have so much time waiting around.

Next Meeting – January 10, 2018

Closing Prayer 8:30 PM

Submitted by Lynn Haugner