

MINUTES for MPH HUMAN CONCERNS COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, February 7, 2024 - 5:30 PM in the ND Room, East Site

Members Present: Beth Mouradian, Carrie Gorski, Kathy Smith, Nancy Dlouhy, Mike Gronitz, Debbie Peterson, John Weber. Excused: Widge Liccione, Sue Scharmach, Barb Schwellinger, Dave Shook

Opening Prayer and Mission Statement were read together.

Minutes from 1/11/2024 were approved.

Old Business

- Staff Update/communications –Carrie will put the HCC Minutes on the parish website; Communications Committee has met; Watch for changes (immediately) in the Facebook page (Gary has taken over administering)
- Parish Council Update –Minutes are on the parish website
- St. Ben's Update - Next Serving date: Monday, Feb. 19; Next sandwich/bag assembly: Thursday Feb. 15 and Feb. 22. Service has been steady between 120-150 or so.
- Sandwich Ministry – John W - Next sandwich making date: Tuesday, Feb. 13; they have been making 300+.
- Hunger Task Force Stock Box is Feb. 13
- Crossroads Kitchen – Next cooking/serving date: needs to be confirmed – their website hasn't been updated.
- V.O.P. update – John W. Minutes are now on the parish website.
- SVDP Food Pantry – Kathy - Updates; Pantry every Saturday & Wednesday numbers have leveled off a bit after consistently rising since November.
- Baptismal Bags update – Kathy - One baptism scheduled for early February.
- Grief/Bereavement Subcommittee Update – John W. has kept it going now that Margaret is retired and has left the parish to concentrate on her sister.

New Business

- Winter Dignity Kits – Mike Gronitz explained Project Return and what Dignity Kits are; he verified that they are in need of kits for both men and women; he will do an inventory of what we have; Dollar Tree is good place to make purchases; date will be set to make Dignity Kits.
- Meijer Simply Give Campaign runs through March; SVDP volunteers will collect at one of the upcoming masses (double matches are March 2 and 23).
- Valentines for parish Homebound – the response to the request for volunteers was excellent; bags will include candy, cupcake, handwritten note Valentine card, signature (of volunteer) mini Valentine card from the HCC & Parish; will be delivered up to Valentine's Day
- February/March Spot Light – LENT = Congo Helping Hands – Kathy indicated Jeff Mullins is planning the trip and what they will be doing with Woody in Indiana; updates hopefully will be forthcoming.
- Deb Peterson offered to check with the Christian Women group as to how they and our Committee can help out with the Parish Mission coming up in March 18, 19, 20 (6:30-8:00 PM at 106th) with Dr. Dan Scholz presenting; Group decided to offer a dinner before the first night Monday, 18th – Chili Dump.
- March Spot Light – ERAS Tapestry Event –Committee members decided to put together a basket with gift cards similar to last year to donate. A donation request letter is needed. April 1 for turn-in to ERAS; Dinner is April 25.
- April Spot Light – no discussion
- May Spot Light – Mom's Day Rose sale – will cut the number of roses ordered and John Weber will coordinate again; NAMH information will be on the Social media sites for National Mental Health Awareness month of May
- Summer - Catholic Ecology Center: Possibly get speaker (Joe Meier, coordinator) to come here for a presentation. Educate parish on what CEC is/does.

Note: Easter March 31

Next Meetings: March 13, April 10, May 8 - **Second Wednesday of each month; 5:30 PM, Notre Dame Rm., 106th St. Site**

Closing prayer with intentions – noted that Sue Scharmach's sister Nancy passed away, there was a private funeral