

St. Bruno Human Concerns Committee Meeting

January 12, 2016

7:15 PM

Attending: Tom Parulski—chair, Betty Igl, Sharon Burt, Lynn Haugner, Sue James, Jenny Harnack- PC Liaison

Absent/Excused: none

1. Opening Prayer (Jubilee Year of Mercy Prayer from Sr. Faustina's Diary)

2. Old Business:

a. **St. Paul's HCC meeting visit by Sue James** – Last fall Sue attended a St. Paul HCC meeting as a representative of St. Bruno HCC. Sue provided us with a handout of St. Paul's ministries, listing chairpersons and a short summary of each. Discussion: We have many of the same ministries. They have more people at their HCC meetings than we do. Sue was surprised by how active their group is. Goal of Sue's visit is awareness of each other's work. Eventually there may be one staff person to oversee the HCCs of both parishes. Members from St. Paul's HCC might help St. Bruno's with our ministry to St. Ben's.

b. **Giving Tree** – Lynn reported that the Christ Child Society thanked us for the high-quality and quantity of baby gifts. A thank you from St. Ben's was printed in last Sunday's bulletin. Sharon had some difficulty delivering gifts to Hebron House due to locked doors. Sue commented that the Hebron House didn't return her phone call regarding a different matter. Question: Do we continue to support Hebron House next year? We need to contact Hebron House and ask, "How do we make this run smoothly?" Re-evaluate next fall. St. Ben's and St. Vincent DePaul are existing ministries of St. Bruno's, so we should continue to include them in the Giving Tree. The tree and boxes are saved/ stored upstairs for next year. Lynn has the left-over ornaments.

c. **Rice Bowl** – Betty has the Rice Bowl materials in her office. We need to talk to parishioners to give them information about the Rice Bowl project, which supports poor people around the world through Catholic Relief Services. It was decided that Jenny will talk at the 5PM Mass on Saturday, February 6, and Betty will speak at the Sunday Masses on February 7. Betty and Jenny will suggest ways to make this a meaningful Lenten experience for families. They will ask ushers to pass out the boxes while they talk.

d. **HCC Ministries feedback from last meeting and follow-up.** *The Green Team* was inspired to take on two Welcome Weekends to highlight their ministry. In answer to our question about *Danny's Helping Hands*, Fr Ralph said that St. Bruno Parish insurance would cover volunteers working in this ministry.

Other ministries... *Respect Life* (Sue James and Jane Parulski) hasn't had any meetings recently. They may do something in May. Discussion regarding the status of the respect life memorial project speculated that it is being discussed by a Pastoral Council subcommittee.

Health & Wellness (does BP checks after mass) is coordinated by Anna Marie Filipiak. Discussion led to Sharon explaining Family Promise of Western Waukesha County (ministry to homeless families) and how our St. Vincent DePaul Society supports those families who are exiting the Family Promise program to set up new households.

Prayer Shawl (Yvonne Hickey) – This is a very active group. They meet every Thursday.

e. **Parish organizational Chart** – We looked at the list of HC ministries on the Parish Organizational Chart and had a brief discussion about *Mentoring/Welcoming* new parishioners. Without an Appreciation Dinner, we have one fewer opportunity to invite new parishioners.

3. New Business: Communication with HC ministries. Ministry members are encouraged to become members of the HCC. Ministries should send minutes of their meetings to HCC.

a. **Pastoral Council Request** for information on how ministries are observing the Year of Mercy. Betty prepared and sent a list of what our existing ministries are already doing throughout the year.

b. **Requests from outside the Parish** – Tom has received a number of requests for help from charitable groups outside our parish. He asked for input on how to respond. Discussion: We used to have a budget of \$100/month which was used to give support to groups. We no longer have that budget, so we are unable to help financially at this time.

Betty has been asked to provide budget information for Human Concerns. She will be meeting with our new business manager. What are our income and expenses? What do we need? Betty talked about expenses for the *Hispanic Ministry*. There have been needs for educational materials. It would be good to provide travel/gas expense for a deacon and musician. The *Guatemalan Ministry* has been operating on donations earmarked for their use. St. Bruno's has made a commitment of quarterly payments of \$550 each to our sister parish.

c. **Pastoral Council meeting on January 26** – Tom has been invited to the January Pastoral Council meeting to report on the work and goals of the HCC. It was suggested that our main goal this year is to improve communication with the human concerns ministries in our parish.

Next Meeting – March 8, 2016 at 7:15PM

Closing Prayer 8:50 PM

Submitted by Lynn Haugner