

St. Bruno Human Concerns Committee Meeting

March 14, 2017

7:15 PM

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

Absent/Excused: none

1. Opening Prayer

2. Old Business:

a. Lifeline Ministry –In October, the Knights of Columbus was collecting money for life issues (Life Savers for Life) on the same weekend as Lifeline’s baby bottle campaign. The K of C and the Pastoral Council have been made aware of this conflict, so it can be better coordinated next year.

b. Next year Lifeline will probably coordinate with St. Paul’s and celebrate Pro-Life in January.

c. Giving Tree Amounts – Steve Spiegelhoff (business office) has created a file to store information regarding gift amounts to charities from our Giving Tree project.

d. Budget – The Circle of Life ministry requested a budget of \$500. They communicated directly with Steve in the business office.

e. Other

Discussion of Danny’s Helping Hands ministry as a possibility for teen fiats: Danny’s Helping Hands is no longer operating as originally intended. Requests for help seem to be forwarded to other agencies instead of being matched to St. Bruno volunteers. Eileen will bring this up at Pastoral Council.

Hispanic Ministry is continuing to have Mass on the 3rd and 5th Sundays. Fr. Bob continues to serve this community in many ways, including visiting homes. His advanced age has become a concern to some in the Archdiocese, but any changes are dependent on the Archbishop with our pastor’s approval. Betty expects that there will be no changes until June.

Communication: Eileen brought up the need for a new booklet containing contact information for all ministries. Betty told us that Rita Borowski collected this information about a year ago. We are hopeful that a booklet will be made available to give to new parishioners.

Discussion: Are we, as a Catholic community, doing enough to help our fellow parishioners in times of need? St. Bruno’s considers itself to be a very caring community. Recently a St. Bruno family lost their house in a fire and Sue expressed concern that parishioners were not

informed about a fund-raising event to help them out. As part of the discussion, Betty said she received a mailing from a Lutheran church offering training to set up a ministry of support/care to those in need within a parish. Betty suggested that we don't need to go to this training, but we do need to become more proactive in helping those in our own parish community. We might know of people who have a temporary need for meals or transportation, but we lack a coordinated effort. This was the original intent of Danny's Helping Hands.

3. New Business:

a. HCC – Parish Organizational Chart - Eileen asked to see the Parish Organizational Chart. How does the HCC keep track of all of the human concerns ministries in the parish? Ministries should send copies of their recent minutes/meeting notes to Tom Parulski before each HCC meeting. Minutes from all committees should be on the parish website, but few are doing this. Jan Lamparski (Jlamparski@wi.rr.com) uploads minutes to the Parish website.

b. Men Who Cook auction – Sharon is coordinating with Jane Parulski to make a patriotic-themed (red, white, and blue) basket for the auction. If anyone has other items that go with this theme, give Sharon a call. Discussion – It's important to send receipts and Thank You notes for donations – especially when the donation comes from a business.

Next Meeting – May 9, 2017

Closing Prayer 8:45 PM

Submitted by Lynn Haugner