

St. Bruno Human Concerns Committee Meeting

September 12, 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 Against Storms

2. Old Business:

a. Communication with Human Concerns Ministries– Betty contacted leaders of the HC ministries. There are no reports at this time.

b. Booklet of Contact Information for all Ministries – Jan Lamparski is currently working on putting together a booklet of Parish Committees and Ministries to give to new parishioners. Betty gave each of us a copy of a document containing descriptions and contact persons for all committees and ministries of the Parish. This information has also been given to Sue Solberg and Jan Lamparski.

Sharon asked about the Hispanic Ministry. Why aren't they part of St. Bruno's Faith Formation/RCIA with our other students? Is this a duplication of services? Betty said that they (Hispanics) come from the surrounding areas. They're not really parishioners of St. Bruno's. They are most comfortable within the Spanish-speaking community. It's a large extended family for them. Ben Holzem, our school principal, has encouraged them to enroll in our school. This is helping them to get integrated into our parish.

Betty is in charge of the Mentoring Ministry for new parishioners. She used to assign a parish member to each new parishioner, but she is now asking new parishioners if they want a mentor. This has resulted in the need for fewer mentors.

Sharon asked who was in charge of the Ministry to the Sick and Homebound. Sue James said that she is one of a number of people who have been taking the Eucharist to people in local hospitals, Three Pillars or other nursing homes. After a discussion of whether this ministry belongs under the umbrella of Prayer and Worship, Betty clarified that taking Communion to people in institutions is under Prayer and Worship, but Human Concerns should oversee those who are homebound. Currently no one is designated as leader of this ministry. It appears on the Parish flow chart, but is not on the list of Committees/Ministries that Betty provided.

c. Coordinating Efforts – Sue James is going to St. Paul's Human Concerns meeting on Sept. 13. She invited others to join her. The purpose of going is to look at coordinating the baby bottle project (Lifeline Ministry). We looked at a month-by-month list of St. Paul's Human Concerns activities

and concluded that St. Bruno's does many of the same things – often led by our St. Vincent DePaul Society. We thought it would be a good idea for us to put together a similar list.

d. Function of Danny's Helping Hands – We still haven't received a report from Rita Mezydlo on how many people are being served through Danny's Helping Hands.

e. Men Who Cook Auction donation – Eileen Rudnick reported that our basket for Men Who Cook brought in \$81. We will ask Jane Parulski if it was worth the effort.

3. New Business:

a. Hurricane Help– Sharon reported that a spontaneously-formed group from St. Bruno's made 16 blankets which were donated through JJ Watt collections.

b. Thanksgiving food drive – Sue James is organizing this food drive as a St. Vincent dePaul activity.

c. Giving Tree - We decided which charities to support through this activity which goes from Thanksgiving through mid-December. The charities are: Life's Connection (babies), St. Ben's (homeless men), St. Vincent dePaul (poor in our midst), Hebron/Sienna House (abused women/children) and Family Promise of Waukesha County (homeless families).

Next Meeting – November 14, 2017

Closing Prayer 8:55 PM

Submitted by Lynn Haugner