

## **St. Bruno Human Concerns Committee Meeting**

**November 13, 2018**

**7:15 PM**

**Attending:** Tom Parulski–chair, Sharon Burt, Lynn Haugner, Sue James, Michelle Michel- PC Liaison

**Absent/Excused:** Betty Igl

### **1. Opening Prayer – Thanksgiving Day Prayer**

### **2. Old Business:**

a. **Guatemalan Ministry officially defunct.**– Pastoral Council approved transition of support to Dominican Republic School. Sharon talked to Steve Spiegelhoff about transferring money by the end of this fiscal year. Parishioners need to be informed in January. The Guatemalan Ministry team will need to compose a letter to explain the situation. The letter will be put in the bulletin and on the Parish website, and also shared at the January 15<sup>th</sup> PC meeting. A brief announcement at Mass, followed by opportunities for those interested to ask questions, should also be offered.

b. **Thanksgiving Food Drive** – Sue handed out grocery bags November 10-11. Parishioners will return their filled bags by Thanksgiving Day. Sue has drivers coming at 8:30 AM on November 23<sup>rd</sup> to take the food to the food pantry.

c. **Giving Tree** – The dates for the Giving Tree are November 24 – December 10. Sharon and Lynn have cut out paper ornaments and a flier will be in the next bulletin. Michelle, Sharon and Lynn will meet on 11/14 to set up the tree. We will decorate the tree on November 23 at 8:30AM. We are collecting for the same groups as last year.

d. **Bereavement** – The Pastoral Council sent a thank you note to Pagenkopf Funeral Home for their support of this ministry.

e. **Respect Life Ministry** – The Pastoral Council approved the Respect Life display in the Gathering Space throughout the month of October moving forward. In January, Sue will collect signatures for the newspaper and a Baby Bottle Boomerang will be used to collect money for Life's Connection.

### **3. New Business:**

a. **Hospital Communion Ministry** – Diane Bretl reported that this ministry is distributing communion to patients in two Oconomowoc hospitals every week. They are doing well, but new volunteers are always welcome given recent losses.

b. **Health Ministry** –Anna Marie Filipiak could use help from other nurses to take blood pressure after masses. Michelle will talk to Anna Marie to offer help.

c. **St. Ben's** – Discussion of involving more volunteers at St. Ben's in a meaningful way. Sharon and Sue are part of a core group that goes to St. Ben's each month. The existing group has split up the duties so as to cover all of the necessary jobs. There's room for only a few new people each month, but it's important to make room for new people to have the experience. It was suggested that the monthly announcement for cookies include an invitation for new volunteers to sign up and join the group.

d. **Environmental Ministry (Green Team)** – Is this a defunct ministry? Additional attempts will be made to contact members of the ministry. No recent or planned projects have been reported.

e. **Circle of Life (Bereavement)** – Sandy Mayernick reported that 100-120 people attended the Mass of Remembrance this year. It included members from St. Paul's and that worked out well. Next year the Mass will be at St. Paul's.

f. **Combined "Open" Pastoral Council meeting on Tuesday, January 15 – 6:30?**

g. **PC meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> to have HCC representatives** –We need to decide who will attend this Pastoral Council meeting. It could include leaders from one or more of our ministries. The purpose is to report on accomplishments and make any requests.

h. **Getting in the building for committee meetings** – Tonight we were locked out of the building and had to call Kurt to let us in. Sharon suggested that one of us sign out a key from Steve S. earlier in the day.

i. **Carol Janc contacted Michelle RE handmade sanitized baby blankets with changing pads**– Carol wants to donate these blankets. Last year they were included in the gifts for Life's Connection. We would donate them there again.

j. **Pig Donation** – Parishioner Mike Brevard would like to donate a pig/s for the food pantry/pantries in the area. We need someone in the parish to help facilitate. Mike suggested Johnson's Sausage Shop in Rio to do the processing. We would need to get donations or parish money to pay for the processing, which looked expensive. Sharon will continue to ask questions about the costs involved. It was suggested that Mike B. talk to Steve S. about how this could work.

**Next Meeting January 15, 2019**

**Closing Prayer 8:45 PM**

Submitted by Lynn Haugner