

St. Bruno Human Concerns Committee Meeting

September 10, 2019

7:15 PM

Attending: Tom Parulski—chair, Sue James, Betty Igl, Michelle Michel- PC Liaison, Sandy Mayernick- Circle of Life Ministry

Absent/Excused: Lynn Haugner, Sharon Burt

Opening prayer taken from Archdiocese of Milwaukee's Order of Blessing for Those Participating in Seven Days of Service.

Old Business:

A. Archdiocese Seven Days of Service event – Informational inserts were in the bulletin. St. Bruno's will collect from Sept. 14-22 then take items to St. Jerome's. Toiletries and similar items are being collected. There is also a St. Vincent de Paul walk with a sign-up sheet at St. Bruno's and a link listed in the bulletin.

New Business:

A. Ministry Report -

The Circle of Life bereavement ministry facilitated its 8 week Good Grief Group again in June and July. Eleven people attended, including a few from previous groups. After the scheduled meetings were finished the group met once in August for a dinner, and will meet again in September and have an October potluck. Members are also meeting among themselves which is a very positive response. The Mass of Remembrance in November is at St. Paul's this year, with both bereavement ministries actively participating in the Mass. A reception will be held after. The card ministry continues, sending out about 170 cards per year. People appreciate it very much to know their loved ones had been remembered. One member of the Circle of Life ministry wants to contact those who have lost loved ones a few weeks after the funeral to find out how people are doing.

Respect Life ministry - Sue submitted a request for a fundraiser.

St. Ben's has been going well. There have been a good amount of volunteers, along with donations of beans, applesauce, and cookies.

Old Business

B. Family Promise – Sharon has been coordinating with Julie B and it is planned to continue providing meals a few times throughout the year.

New Business:

B. Thanksgiving Food Drive - This starts November 9th. Sue is coordinating. Food can be brought to St. Bruno's until Thanksgiving. Food will be taken to food pantry in Wales on the day after Thanksgiving.

C. Giving Tree -The dates of 11/29/19 - 12/15/19 were requested for the use of the Gathering Place. Charities are the same as last year - Life's Connection, St. Ben's, St. Vincent de Paul, Hebron House, and Family Promise.

D. Belong-Believe-Become - This focuses on welcoming all people into the church and then helping them to grow in faith. A copy of the book "Everyday Stewardship" by author Tracy Welliver was given to the HCC. The reflection entitled "The Heart of Stewardship (pgs. 30-31) had been distributed for the September meeting and there was a brief discussion on

this. Readings from the book will be assigned for future HCC meetings, and the topics discussed at each meeting.

- E. Other new business** - Father Dan has mass at Three Pillars health care center once a month. Sue also distributes communion at Three Pillars and promotes St. Bruno's when she is there. Another pig was donated to be used for food pantries.

Abundant Life food pantry is apparently closing.

The decisions from people who had donated money to the Guatemalan Ministry as to where that money should now go were due by Sept. 1. We do not know how all of this worked out.

Michelle mentioned that if a representative from a charity was to come to the Common Ministry Meeting it might increase donations to that charity.

Updated copies of the Committee and Ministry Booklets were distributed to those in attendance.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, November 19, 2019 after Common Ministry Meeting

Closing Prayer 8:15 PM

Submitted by Tom Parulski