

St. Bruno Human Concerns Committee Meeting

January 15, 2019

7:45 PM

Attending: Tom Parulski—chair, Sharon Burt, Sue James, Betty Igl, Michelle Michel- PC Liaison,
Absent/Excused: Lynn Haugner

Old Business: A. Respect Life Ministry – The Baby Bottle collection for Life’s Connection seemed to be very soon after Christmas and the Giving Tree which also collected baby item’s for Life’s Connection. There was a collection last year in January as well. Sue said that she had asked to have the collection last October but there was too much going on. We will ask about October for a collection this year.

There was discussion about counting the money from the baby bottles. Due to a recent issue at Holy Hill the Archdiocesan standards for counting money was brought up. Sue was going to ask Steve Spiegelhoff how this is to be done with the baby bottles.

B. Former Guatemala Ministry - The existing monies that already have been donated are planned to go to the Dominican Republic School. (Our Archdiocese already has a well established program there.) New donations for a similar mission will not necessarily go to the Dominican Republic School. It is not known at this time if we will have a spring flower sale.

An announcement about the Former Guatemala Ministry will be put in the bulletin and it is hoped that there will be a question and answer session after a mass as well.

C. Thanksgiving Food Drive and Giving Tree – These collections went well.

D. HCC Ministries - We don’t feel that we need to put announcements in the bulletin asking for volunteers at this time.

E. Pastoral Council Meeting - The HCC ministries that are not doing so well might be mentioned.

F. Pig donations for Food Pantries - Two pigs so far have been donated by a parishioner. That parishioner’s employer will provide matching funds for processing but St. Bruno’s will pay initially and then be reimbursed. This has worked out well initially.

New Business:

A. Meals on Wheels - Meals on Wheels was brought up and it was noted that this ministry could use more help. It was mentioned that maybe this could be in the information for new parish members.

B. Family Promise - Families live temporarily at UCC church about four weeks per year. Volunteers are needed to provide meals for the families when they are there. St. Vincent de Paul has helped. Sharon will check into St. Bruno getting involved.

C. Bulletin Announcements - Should our bulletin announcements say “Human Concerns Committee” somewhere to help the parish know what we all do?

D. Archdiocesan Human Concerns Summit - Saturday April 6th. It would be good for someone from our committee to go to this.

E. Rice Bowl - Betty will take care of this again this year.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 19, 2019 @ 7:15pm

Closing Prayer 9:15 PM

Submitted by Tom Parulski