

St. Bruno Human Concerns Committee Meeting

May 14, 2019

7:15 PM

Attending: Tom Parulski–chair, Sharon Burt, Lynn Haugner, Betty Igl, Michelle Michel- PC Liaison, Sandy Mayernick (Circle of Life ministry)

Absent/Excused: Sue James

Opening Prayer – Prayer for Mothers

New Business

A. HCC Ministry updates

- **Circle of Life Bereavement** – Sandy Mayernick reported that she and Peggy Kneprath will be leading a series of Grief Support sessions on Tuesdays from June 4 through July 30. They have received financial support (\$500) from Pagenkopf Funeral Home and have advertized in 15 area parishes. All are welcome and some people have returned multiple years for help with their grieving process.

In addition, the Circle of Life group sends out cards for a period of five years to parishioners who have lost a loved one.

- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** – Yvonne Hickey reported (via email) that they are doing well.
- **Health Ministry** – Once-a-month blood pressure screening is well received.

Old Business:

- A. **Former Guatemalan Ministry** – Sharon Burt reported that letters have been mailed out to parishioners who had donated money for our Guatemalan Ministry. They have been asked to designate where they would like the money to go. There are no future plans to find a new sister parish.

The proceeds from this year's Flower Sale will provide a budget for Human Concerns. The money will be available to pay for a speaker, or could be "seed money" for one of our ministries – flowers for Mother's Day from our Respect Life Ministry is one idea.

- B. **Combined Stewardship Commission, St. Bruno's and St. Paul's** - No more information is available at this time.
- C. **Family Promise Meals** – We received a big "Thank You" for the food we provided to homeless families on April 16. We plan to provide a meal again during the next week that families are staying at UCC.

- D. **Rice Bowl** – We don't have a total yet, but Betty reported that there were generous contributions from our parishioners.
- E. **Men Who Cook Auction and Dinner** – Our donation was well received.

New Business

- B. **Updates to Committee and Ministry Booklet and Contact List** – Tom worked to make sure the Human Concerns information is updated and correct.
- C. **Archdiocese "Seven Days of Service" event in September** – Michelle asked us to discuss how our parish can celebrate this event during September 23 – 28. Some ideas were to involve more people to donate food and feed people at St. Ben's on September 22 and to clean up our St. Bruno Cemetery during the designated week. Michelle will have more information after the next Pastoral Council meeting. We decided to have a HCC meeting on July 16 at 7:15 to discuss Seven Days of Service.

Next Meetings – Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 7:15pm and Tuesday September 10, at 7:15pm

Closing Prayer 8:30 PM

Submitted by Lynn Haugner