

St. Bruno Human Concerns Committee Meeting

September 22, 2020

7:00 PM

Attending: Tom Parulski–chair, Sharon Burt, Lynn Haugner, Betty Igl, Sue James, Lynn Dreist – PC Liaison

Absent/Excused: -

Opening Prayer: Psalm 119 v 34,35,44

Old Business:

- A. **Rice Bowl** –The money was turned in at the end of Lent. We don't know the total amount.
- B. **Monies from Guatemalan Ministry and Flower Sale** –Sharon found out that current tax law requires money to be spent during the fiscal year in which it is collected, or it will go into the general fund. The Flower Sale is in May, and the fiscal year ends at the end of June. Even though we didn't spend the money right away, Steve Spiegelhoff told Sharon that we have \$2000 to spend before June 30, 2021. Some money has been used for processing donated pigs and the pork was donated to the Kettle Moraine Food Pantry.

Shared moved to purchase two new banners for our Pro Life Ministry, with the amount not to exceed \$500. Sue James seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Sharon will check with Father Dan and Steve Spiegelhoff for their approval. She will also communicate with Jane Parulski, chair of Respect Life Ministry. Lynn Dreist offered to see if she can get a better price for the banners.

- C. **Other – Baby Bottle Drive** - Sue informed us that we will be doing a virtual fundraiser for Life's Connection during October. Information will be on the St. Bruno Parish website. Parishioners will be able to purchase baby items from a registry which will be shipped directly to Life's Connection.

St. Ben's –Betty told us that, due to Covid 19, St. Ben's is unable to take any food donations at this time.

New Business

- A. **Thanksgiving Food Drive**– We don't know if the Kettle Moraine Food Pantry will be accepting food donations this year. Sue will contact them before our next meeting.
- B. **Giving Tree** – We will do this project if we are allowed to set up a tree in the Gathering Place and collect items. At this time, St. Ben's isn't accepting donations and Family Promise is restructuring the way it helps the homeless.

C. HCC Ministries –

SVDP school supply drive had very few donations. The supplies were given to St. Bruno School.

Prayer Shawl Ministry is meeting in the park, weather permitting.

SVDP has had a meeting.

Bereavement Ministry hasn't been meeting, but there will be a Mass of Remembrance this fall.

St. Ben's is not serving meals.

Meals on Wheels is still delivering meals.

D. Other – Lynn Dreist brought up a topic from a previous meeting. School Committee expressed the desire to involve more of our St. Bruno students in projects that help others. Some ideas include: making toiletry bags for the VA, collecting dog treats for animal shelters, sending cards and letters to nursing homes. Sharon suggested coordinating with Mrs. Machacek's Kids Care Club.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 7:00pm.

Closing Prayer 8:20 PM

Submitted by Lynn Haugner