

St. Bruno Human Concerns Committee Meeting

November 17, 2020

7:00 PM

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

Absent/Excused: - Sue James

Opening Prayer: Thanksgiving Day Prayer, USCCB website

Old Business:

- A. Thanksgiving Food Drive** –Sue James is coordinating this activity. This year we are collecting cash only, because of the pandemic restrictions. Amy will talk to Kelsey about sending out a Flocknote message to remind parishioners to donate by Thanksgiving.
- B. Giving Tree** – This year we will be collecting cash/checks and gift cards only due to pandemic limitations of our charities and Archdiocesan guidelines. We have reduced our list of charities to just three: Life’s Connection, St. Ben’s Community “Spread the Warmth Drive,” and St. Vincent De Paul Society. A flyer will be in the next bulletin and also available on the greeting table on future weekends.
- C. Other old business** - Lynn Dreist brought up a topic from last meeting. Rachel Turner and Tatum Hain of the School Committee want to involve more of our St. Bruno students in projects that help others. Discussion: How to involve students in the Giving Tree or other projects. Other opportunities might be toiletries for the Hebron House or the jail ministry thru St. Vincent De Paul. Lynn will talk to Rachel.

New Business

- A. CRS Rice Bowl Webinar - Thursday, November 19 at 12 p.m. & CRS parish ambassador program** – Betty Igl will watch this webinar and report to us in January. Rice Bowl donations were down by more than 50% this spring, most likely due to our church and school closure for the pandemic. We will need to make a decision about Rice Bowl in January.
- B. Other new business** – Amy reported that the parish was contacted this week by a woman who was looking for a family to sponsor this Christmas with gifts and a dinner. Amy will talk to the school and to Sue James to see if we have a family.
- C. Other old business- Monies from Flower Sale** –Sharon reminded us that we need to decide on projects to support with Flower Sale profits. Ideas: Dominican Republic school (Archdiocesan project), Street Angels, Mini Vinnies, cards and stamps for bereavement ministry, yarn for prayer shawls. Come with more ideas in January. We will need to make some decisions.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 6:30 pm.

Closing Prayer 7:45 PM

Submitted by Lynn Haugner