

Human Concerns Commission
St. Mark's Parish
October 17, 2018

The October meeting of the Human Concerns Commission met at 7:00 PM in Room 9 with the following members and guests present: Joe Flick, Chairman; Lee Ward, Secretary; Hilda Beck and Betsy Ward, Staff Liaisons; Members, Joan Eischen, Rose Oberlander, Barb Beavers, Nancy Bianco, Linda Kuhnlein, Richard Vargas, Pat Bradley, Edie Sladek; Special Guest, Deacon Ken Fuenfhausen.

The opening prayer was given by Edie Sladek.

The minutes from the September meeting were read and approved.

Prayer intentions were expressed for Hilda's friends, Gracie and Jimmy Smith; Gerri Weyrauch; Rose's brother Charles; Barb's brother Dennis Murphy; Terri Bowman and Shelby Ward. Joe lead us in an Our Father for all those spoken and unspoken.

Under old business, Hilda reported the Hispanic ministry brought in \$2500 for the breakfast. Attendance was down but by and large over \$1000 was reported in profit. Richard Vargas reported on the Ambassadors For Christ. Linda reported that the gift cards are great as are the gift baskets. Linda also reported that the Ambassadors are working to achieve their Ministry Mission of Corporal Works of Mercy.

Our guest speaker was Deacon Ken who reported on the Youth Ministry. We are not a Religious Education Group or a Youth Group focusing on social events, retreats, service projects and other. What Ken says we are active in Community, Message and Commitment service. Community includes social activities, athletics, outreach evangelization, teen and family programs, youth group, issues and support groups, and fundraising. In the Commitment Service we focus on service projects, peer ministry and youth and adult leadership training. Under the Message service we have religious education, sacramental preparation and confirmation, retreats, liturgy, scriptural sharing and prayer groups. Ken reported that Human Concerns can help in the Commitment Service. Whether it be ourselves or others we know, we can help by supplying persons to help. Human Concerns can also help by understanding how the Youth Ministry actually works and being there to answer any questions asked by those in the Parish. Ken reported there are 79 high schoolers, 56 middle schoolers in his program. 47 will be confirmed this year. Special thanks to Ken for an informative presentation.

Under new business, the following events were shared with Human Concerns;

The Stone Church Thanksgiving dinner will be held Tuesday, November 20. Hilda needs volunteers for this important event as well as volunteers to supply any of the 12, 12 pound turkeys needed for this event headed by the Just Faith Ministry.

Hillcrest Ministries Fundraiser will be held Saturday, October 20 with a chili supper and horse races at the Parish Center. Gluten free chili will be available for the first time. Quarts of chili will be available for sale at the dinner.

Respect for Life will hold an event on October 21 at 1:00 PM. Volunteers for Human Concerns are needed and appreciated.

Knights of Columbus will hold a breakfast on October 28 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Parish Center.

St. Mark's Crafts and Business Expo will be held November 4 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Booths are available for \$50. Proceeds benefit the Youth Ministry.

Our next meeting will be held on the special day of November 14, due to Thanksgiving. Program to be announced.

Richard Vargas related that the Ministries Programs need an update from Lillian Eggleston and Jeanie Scalise....

Joan will bring the prayers next meeting and Betsy and Lee will bring treats.

Edie gave the closing prayer and meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ward, Secretary