

MINUTES for MPH HUMAN CONCERNS COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, March 13, 2024 - 5:30 PM in the ND Room, East Site

Members Present: Beth Mouradian, Carrie Gorski, Kathy Smith, Dave Shook, Jim Hanover, John Weber, Mary Margaret Marshall, Mike Gronitz, Nancy Dlouhy, Sr. Lincy, Sr. Vita

Excused: Deb Peterson, Sue Scharmach, Widge Liccione, Barb Schwellinger; Jan Jones

Opening Prayer and Mission Statement read by all

Minutes from 2/7/2024 approved

Old Business

- Staff Update/communications – Kathy Minutes are now on the parish website after they have been approved by the committee; after discussion, it was agreed that Agendas should be on the website as well, since there are no Diocesan rules that would prevent that and acknowledging it might attract new members. Note that one committee member disagreed with this decision.
- Parish Council Update – Dave Minutes are on the parish website.
- St. Ben's Update – Kathy - Next Serving date: Monday, March 18; Next bag assembly: Thursday March 21 and 28.
- Sandwich Ministry – John W - Next sandwich making date: Tuesday, April 9
- Hunger Task Force Stock Box is April 9.
- Crossroads Kitchen – Jan/Kathy - Next cooking/serving date: Friday, May 31 (nothing in March or April).
- V.O.P. update – John W. Minutes are now on the parish website.
- SVdP Food Pantry – Kathy - Updates: Pantry every Saturday & Wednesday noting numbers have been up and down.
- Baptismal Bags update – Kathy - several at Easter Vigil; at least one each weekend in April.
- Grief/Bereavement Subcommittee Update – John W – thank you cards from bereavement recipients were passed around.
- Valentines for Homebound (plus Rainbow Park Home) update – Beth indicated it went very well.
- Winter Dignity Kits – Mike Gronitz – inventory completed and not much is needed. Project Return does need kits so a date will be determined for putting them together.

New Business

- Meijer Simply Give Campaign –Kathy reported that 2 people collected cash at each mass March 9, 10 to turn in on March 23, double match day; collection went quite well at all the masses.
- Lent: Congo Helping Hands – Kathy update: there was a bulletin insert for March 9, 10; she will give a brief talk at all the masses followed by a collection March 16, 17; Jeff Mullins will speak the weekend of April 6, 7.
- Parish Mission – Chili Dump/Vegetable alternative –Kathy requested additional volunteers to make chili/soup; committee members agreed to bring other food including bread, gluten free bread, sour cream, cheese, iced tea, cookies and peanut clusters along with tablecloths, and paper products.
- March Spotlight – ERAS Tapestry Event – Kathy/Beth Gift cards due March 25 for basket to be donated for their auction.
- April Spotlight – decision made to have a Committee Dinner instead of a meeting in April. John Weber will check on dates at the Cleveland Pub.
- May Spotlight – Mos Day Rose sale and NAMI will be highlighted.
- June Suggestions – **SUMMER CLEVELAND PUB SERIES**: Catholic Ecology Center Session in June or August. Kathy will follow up on that; possible bus field trip to Marian mission in Champion, WI.
- June Spotlight – Capuchin Walk for the Hungry –Kathy will lead MPH group at Polish Fest; Beth MPH group at Greenfield Park.

POSSIBLY HIGHLIGHT EDUCATION re: *EVERYTHING* CAPUCHIN COMMUNITY SERVICES: Capuchin Walk for the Hungry, St. Ben's Meal Program, Fall School Supplies Drive, Christmas Toy Drive – insert in bulletin maybe a talk in June.

Upcoming meetings: Second Wednesday of each month; 5:30 PM, Parish Center, 106th St. Site

Next Meetings: Dinner April 24; May 8, June 12, NO MEETING IN JULY; August 8th, September 11, October 9

Closing prayer with intentions by all.