

MINUTES for MPH HUMAN CONCERNS COMMITTEE MEETING
August 14, 2024 - 5:30 PM in the ND Room, East Site

Members Present: Kathy S., Beth M., Carrie G., Dave S., Deb P., Jim H., Mary Margaret M., Nancy D., Sr. Lincy, Janice L.

Guest: Clara W. Excused: John W., Widge L., Jan J., Mike G.

Janice Lange is a new member who was introduced to the group. Susan Scharmach has retired from the group and will receive a thank you for all her years of service.

Opening Prayer and Mission Statement were read by all present

Minutes from June 10, 2024 - approved via email

New Business

- Road trip to Green Bay area; Tour Marian Shrine in Champion WI; tour Lambeau Field – Group decided to try for October; Deb. P. said the Christian Women's group wants to do this as well, and so she will look into buses and reservation requirements for the shrine and Lambeau.
- Clara W. gave a thorough presentation on Boxes of Joy including when it should be marketed, decision was made to try for 150 completed boxes to be delivered to SMV for mailing by Nov.1. Literature passed around showed age categories and suggestions for what to include in the boxes.
- NATIONAL CATHOLIC PARTNERSHIP ON DISABILITY – Jim H. gave an excellent presentation on becoming a welcoming parish to all disabled which includes physical and mental health categories. He will pursue starting a Support Group here at the parish. Rooms to meet that are accessible were discussed. He will begin the necessary steps to put this in motion with the full support of our committee. <https://ncpd.org/> is a website with information.
- Discussion was had regarding Resource book availability through the parish. We currently have the ARDC 2022-23 version for Waukesha County. We will investigate getting the Milwaukee County one as well as a current Waukesha County one for the office.
- CATHOLIC ECOLOGY CENTER – Carrie brought a copy of the Catholic Herald article: "Making a Home for Jesus" which was about the opening of their new center. The presentation will be this coming Tuesday at 4pm in the ND room and at 6pm at the Cleveland Pub. see naturecatholicblog.com for additional information about the Center.
- FAITH & ACTION FIRST FRIDAY is a once/month Zoom prayer session open to anyone sponsored by the Catholic Mobilizing Effort, to pray for an end to the Death Penalty. The information was sent to the Director of Affirming Life at the Archdiocese in the hope that it would be included in their monthly calendar. That hasn't happened yet.
- Project Rachel – Kathy & Beth indicated that the archdiocese would like this group highlighted each week in the bulletin. The lack of space was discussed, and the group agreed that once/month might work whenever there is room, noting that Leanne does a great job of trying to get everything in.
- Bare Paws – Group discussion will be brought up at the next meeting.
- Ministry Fair?? – Group discussion determined that a full Fair would not be held this year but the booklet will be updated and reprinted since we only have a few copies left. They are given out to all new parishioners.
- Christmas Cookies for Homebound – Group discussion determined that we will do this again and provide a one page calendar that includes dates for collecting, decorating, and distributing these cookies, the date for group baking for the Christmas Cookie Sale by Helping Hands, and the dates of the actual parish-wide cookie sale at the masses.
- A new freezer was a group effort to purchase and install in the kitchen at 106th. That and all the good things that have been done recently should also be highlighted in the bulletin and the Flocknote newsletter that goes out weekly. Discussion was had about how great the new newsletter looks with comments from several who aren't receiving it yet. They were told to contact the office and get on the list.

Old Business

- Staff/communications Update – Kathy/Carrie announced the new PT Communications Coordinator is Rita Baumann who is listed in the bulletin. We have her to thank for the amazing update to the Flocknote newsletter and she coordinates the social media.
- Parish Council Update – Dave gave no update. Minutes are on the website.

- V.O.P. Update – John W not at the meeting (handling a funeral service). Minutes are on the website.
- Grief/Bereavement Subcommittee Update – Sr. Lincy said they are still looking for more people to do home visits.
- Baptismal Bags Update – Kathy – There are baptisms scheduled at the end of the month.
- St. Ben's Update – Kathy - Next **Serving** date: Monday, August 19; Next **bag assembly**: Thursdays, August 15 and 22.
- Sandwich Ministry – John W/Jim H Next sandwich making dates: Tuesday, September 10; October 8
- Hunger Task Force Stock Box – Next is Tuesday, September 10
- Crossroads Kitchen – Jan/Kathy_ Next cooking/serving dates: Friday August 30; Sunday September 29. So far they have had enough volunteers for preparing the food and plenty of cupcake makers.
- SVdP Food Pantry update – Kathy- Pantry continues every Saturday & Wednesday with numbers going up. The Meijer Simply Give campaigns have been going well, see below.
- Parish Festival June 21-23, 2024 – Kathy – great spirit of camaraderie, enough volunteers, many positive remarks.
- Dad's Day Cookies – Kathy, Nancy Raised \$513 for WRTL with Tom's amazing cookies!
- Meijer Simply Give Campaign – Kathy Last drive completed; Current drive ongoing through Sept. 28 with 2 double match days – Aug. 17 and Sept. 14

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

Next Meetings: September 11, October 9, November 13 (Advent begins December 1)

Closing prayer – Intentions offered by all, Handout prayer prayed together.