

**HCC MINUTES – MEETING AND SOCIAL**  
November 13 2024 - 5:30 PM in the ND Room, East Site Parish Center

Members present: Beth Mouradian, Carrie Gorski, Barb Schwellinger, David Shook, Deb Peterson, Janice Lange, Jim Hanover, John Weber (late), Mary Margaret Marshall, Nancy Dlouhy, Sr. Lincy Augustine, Widge Liccione  
Excused: Mike Gronitz, Jan Jones

Minutes from October 9, 2024 – APPROVED via email

The meeting began with a pot-luck dinner for the group with all contributing to bringing, eating, drinking and clean-up!

### **Ongoing Business**

- **Parish Council Overview** – Dave – Council Minutes are on the website; For liaisons to all groups, moving forward, the Council only wants a synopsis of the important items from the meetings to be sent to Council because too much time is spent on this at the Council meetings.
- **Staff/communications** – Rita is doing a good job; she still needs input in the HC/Outreach area.
- **VOP** – is now VFP, Minutes on the website soon, hopefully.
- **Grief/Bereavement Subcommittee** –Sr. Lincy; they want to change the mailing out of cards to bereaved, to handing them cards personally; desire is for more follow-up.
- **Senior/Homebound/Funeral Ministry** – Sr. Lincy - 100+ homebound; 14 people were trained on how to conduct a visit, including the first contact.
- **Baptismal Bags** – Kathy – 1 Baptism in October, 2 in November; no upcoming baptisms.
- **St. Ben's** – Kathy - Next Serving date: Monday, November 18; Next bag assembly: Thursday, Nov. 21 & 28; donations and volunteers are all up.
- **Sandwich Ministry** – John W/Jim H - Next sandwich making: Tuesday, December 10. Nell is still not back so Julie Barkow-Peck continues organizing.
- **Hunger Task Force Stock Box** – Next is Tuesday, December 10.
- **Crossroads Kitchen** – Kathy - Next cooking/serving dates are Sun. Dec. 29; Fri. Jan. 31
- **SVdP Food Pantry** – Kathy- no updates, though numbers up a bit.
- **NATIONAL CATHOLIC PARTNERSHIP ON DISABILITY**– Jim H – extensive discussion on how many areas at our two sites are not accessible or very difficult to access for those with walkers, wheel chairs or canes. This includes main entrances to worship spaces and rest rooms. First up – education for Building and Grounds.
- **Boxes of Joy** update – Beth – went well this year (150 boxes with donated items, packed by a good group of volunteers, delivered to SMV for delivery); next year the plan is to start the whole process in the summer.
- **A.R.K. Project** Beth gave an update –Christmas Cookies Nov.9-10 is sign-up weekend (20 volunteers signed up at the masses); Nov. 17 is Decorating/boxing with RE and parishioners; Nov. 23-24 is Cookie pick-up after all Masses. Remaining boxes available at office until Nov. 26, or by appointment after that date. Ministers of Care will deliver 2 by 2.

**Reviews/summary:** *Life Affirming Activities:* Domestic Violence Awareness bathroom signs are approved for both sites and will go up when maintenance has an opportunity; *Mission Month* Spaghetti Dinner for Congo Helping Hands went well, \$1600 raised and great community event; *Pilgrimage* was a success; *Arise MKE* on All Saints Day went well for the most part and has prompted the parish to begin an *Adoration Day* each First Friday of the month going forward and beginning Dec. 6.

## **New Business**

- **The Angel Trees are the Spotlights for November & December**– Kathy – New coats for Fr. Gene's Help Center; and new toys for the Capuchin Community Services Toy Drive; trees are up and will stay up until Dec. 8.
- **ERAS Christmas Gift Cards** – Group decision was to not do this in 2024.
- **The Women's Care Center** will be the Spotlight for January with a parish wide drive– Kathy will post the list of needed items in the bulletin and on social media, using Pack & Plays at each site for collection.
- **"Bare Paws"** by group discussion won't be done separately since hats, gloves, and mittens are collected regularly for Fr. Gene's and St. Ben's.
- **A.R.K. Valentine Cupcakes for the Homebound** – Needs a Coordinator before it can happen
- **Lent 2025** – Group discussion – ran out of time!!

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

**Next Meetings: January 8 & February 12**

Note: *Advent* begins December 1, 2024      *Lent* begins Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025

*Easter* is April 20

Closing prayer with intentions, said by all.