

MINUTES MPH Human Concerns Committee
April 2, 2025 - 5:30 PM in the ND Room, East Site Parish Center

Members Present: Kathy Smith, Carrie Gorski, Beth Mouradian, Dave Shook, Deb Peterson, Janice Lange, Jim Hanover, Sr. Lincy Augustine all said an opening prayer together.

Minutes from March 12 – were APPROVED via email

One correction was made at this meeting – Jim H. met with John Gomez only, with Beth M. present. The Knights of Columbus are considered a possible source of funding for updates to parish grounds to comply with the Disabilities requirements but were not met with.

Ongoing Business

- Parish Council Overview – Dave – Minutes are on the website.
- Staff/communications – Kathy – HCC Minutes on the website soon.
- V.F.P. – John W – Minutes on the website soon.
- Grief/Bereavement/Funeral Subcommittee – no updates.
- Senior/Homebound Ministry – Sr. Lincy reported they have two new Ministers of Care. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton has reached out for help with training. They wish to expand this area at their parish. Sr. Lincy announced that she will be taking Wednesdays as her day off each week.
- Baptismal Bags – 3 baptisms were rescheduled to April; 4 baptisms scheduled for May
- St. Ben's - Next Serving date: Monday, April 21; bag assembly: Thursday April 24 only (17th cancelled due to the Center being closed for Good Friday.
- Sandwich Ministry –Next sandwich making: Tuesday, April 8.
- Hunger Task Force Stock Box – Next is Tuesday, April 8.
- Crossroads Kitchen –Next cooking/desserts/serving dates: Friday, May 30; Sunday, June 29
- SVdP Food Pantry –Pantry continues every Saturday & Wednesday; Easter hams to be distributed April 12.
- “10 Hour Eucharistic Adoration” – Next dates: April 4, May 2 -Sr. Lincy encouraged all to attend.

Old Business updates:

- NATIONAL CATHOLIC PARTNERSHIP ON DISABILITY – Jim H. & Beth M. met with John Gomez (Building & Grounds Chairperson). Items discussed that need attention primarily to add or improve handicap accessibility. John noted that most of these are fairly expensive improvements and not in the current budget. Some may possibly be able to be addressed soon. Outside funding will be explored including grants and other possible sources. The Archdiocese has already been contacted.
 - 106th Church improvements to existing keypad at the 106th St. entrance;
 - Add keypads to additional entrances (Lincoln Ave., East entrance).
 - 106th Church restrooms (it was noted that one of the two is already handicap accessible).
 - Parish Center main entrance improvements to existing keypad.
 - Parish Center restrooms.

In addition to these areas, the possibility of creating a quiet room for mental health conditions like major depression, PTSD, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, OCD and others was discussed. The existing cry room could act in this way at limited or special liturgies since it is currently frequently used by families with small children.

- APRIL SPOTLIGHT – A.R.K./Senior_Ministry for Easter – Kathy reported that cards for at least 100 residents have been completed by Adult Confirmation candidates with their sponsors, and thank you cards and treats for all 3 shifts of staff at Allis Care Nursing Home, have been completed by several HCC members with help from another Adult Confirmation candidate and sponsor. They will all be delivered during Holy Week.
- Lenten projects –
 - Kathy gave a presentation for Congo Helping Hands the first weekend of April at all masses.
 - Response to the Rice Bowl request has been slim but the Religious Education families are participating.
 - No date has been set yet for assembling the Dignity Kits. Any leftover items will be given to Capuchin Community ministries for their Hygiene Bags.
- MAY SPOTLIGHTS –
 - ERAS Sr Network, Tapestry Gala (May 8; Brookfield Conference Center 5-8pm). Tickets are available to anyone interested. Our Auction basket – was completed and delivered. Value of \$300 – Thanks to all who contributed!
 - Mom's Day Rose sale (May 11) – 375 roses ordered (same as last year)-Volunteers:4pm KS, JW, SM, ND; 8:30am Sr. L, D & JP; 10:30am WL, BM 7:00pm CG, KS, DP; confirm John will transfer & PU roses; suggested donation of \$3, suggest people buy roses for Mary statues at both sites; all proceeds to WI Right to Life.
 - “Mental Health Awareness month” – John contacted Bob Hagen; his presentation on NAMI Southeast WI has been scheduled for June 3, 6pm at the Cleveland Pub.
- Summer series – The Cleveland Pub has been reserved for July 15, August 5 (both Tuesdays). Suggested topics include a presentation on disabilities; presentations on liturgies with different nationalities – especially here in our Archdiocese such as Native American, Afro-American, Hmong, Vietnamese are a few currently. Another suggestion was Lutheran Church Charity Comfort Dogs. That would be best at the Parish Center.

New Business

- JUNE SPOTLIGHTS –
 - Capuchin Walk for the Hungry – Kathy reported - Polish Fest opening day she is leading on June 13, & Beth - Greenfield Park date: June 14; the Team name is *Mother of Perpetual Helpers* and sign-up is live (Capuchin Walk for the Hungry 2025 – Mother of Perpetual Helpers) HCC is a sponsor for the walk also.
 - MPH Parish Festival (June 22, 23) A Raffle Basket is being put together by Carrie/Beth/Kathy.
 - FATHERS DAY - Group decision to repeat cookies? (June14-15) Kathy will line up bakers (Janice volunteered). Donations will also go to WI Right to Life.
- Additional items for discussion – from the Group
 - Ministry Fair in the fall idea was rejected in favor of having one ministry area/month highlighted together with acknowledging, blessing and giving a gift to any new parishioners.
 - A field trip for all ages to the Catholic Ecology Center.

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

May 14 – dinner get-together at an off campus site

June 11 & August 13 will be regular meetings

Closing prayer with intentions said by all.-