

Human Concerns Committee Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2013

Following the Agenda:

Faith Sharing: Led by Sr. Nelda; reflecting on the Gospel, narratives shared told of life's moments when an awareness of God's presence was recognized.

New Officer Structure:

Kathy Rave, new Parish Council Liaison
Dave Schmitz, Secretary

Recap of Parish Council Meeting: (Normally presented by HCC Parish Council Liaison, omitted for this meeting due to the open position last month.)

Review Initial Ministry Profiles:

1. Service a la carte; (Profile attached) approximately 100 parishioners affected and over 1500 food pantry recipients affected by Services a la carte.
2. Habitat for Humanity was found to have suspended participation. A new generation of leadership and participants are needed.
3. Prayer Shawl Ministry has twenty to thirty artisans who are providing over 180 Prayer Shawls a year. Including the artisans, the recipients of the Prayer Shawls and those significant to them; an estimate of approximately 390 are affected. (A scrapbook of "thank you" notes is available.)
4. St Vincent de Paul Meal Program; over 300 Parishioners volunteer and over 3000 recipients benefit.
5. Newly Married Ministry is launching a contact campaign, with the help of the Parish data base.
6. Justice Market concluded on 10/27.
7. International Twinning has its plate full; with the recent visit from, and the upcoming parish mission trip to, Peru.

The estimated total of those affected by the ministries report at the 10/28/2013 HCSC is over 6300.

Review of Strategic Plan

Ministry data base creation-all committee members were encouraged to submit their completed profiles.

Strengthening the Prince of Peace relationship-there has been a revision in the strategy; the emphasis has been moved to build relationships at the parish school level through like grade age interaction. Princes of Peace parishioners are interested in SJV's International Twinning initiatives, and would like to somehow participate.

A discussion of recognition of the HCSC Ministries produced consensus to further development.

Recognition of importance of discerning new ministries and a process to Monitor and Shepard was outlined. Further devolvement of technical solutions (Parish Website, Facebook, Twitter, Apps, etc.) will be explored at a future meeting.

Submitted by Dave Schmitz-10/31/2013