

**Committee Report**  
**St. John Vianney Parish**

**Name of the Committee:** Human Concerns Standing Committee

**Date of Meeting:** January 23, 2017

**Members Present:**

Judy Hickey

Fr. Ken Knippel

Renee Larson, PC Liaison

Aaron Laskiewicz, guest

Chip O'Dell

Kathy Rave, Vice-Chair

Andy Stith

John Thompson, Dir. of Human Concerns

Jean Warner, Chair

Doug Wildes, guest

**Members Absent:**

Marian Ostrowski, Chuck Potter, and Debbie Potter

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Topics Discussed:**

1. The Human Concerns Committee membership roster and the Human Concerns ministries addendum and liaison assignments were distributed and discussed.
  - a. Patti Scanlon and Christine Schendzielos have resigned from the committee due to personal reasons. Their names have been removed from the committee membership roster.
  - b. Liaisons reported that the Fair Trade Holiday Market and Meet & Eat ministries have both reached the limit of their usefulness. The listings for those ministries were removed from the ministries addendum and liaison assignments.
2. The 2016-2017 Human Concerns Committee Strategic Plan was discussed.
3. Doug Wildes reported on the very successful Peru Mission Trip which took place from January 13th through 21st, 2017. English was taught in

the Madre del Buen Consejo School, two houses were built, home communion visits were made, and food, clothing, and Christmas gifts were delivered in addition to many other activities. The new chapel in the CETPRO (Centro de Educación Técnico Productivo) San Juan Vianney and the Santa Lucia Surgery Room were also dedicated in two very moving ceremonies, the latter in memory of Dr. James Wallace. There will be a Debriefing and Sharing Session for the Peru Mission Trip open to everyone in the parish on Monday night, February 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Hall.

4. Ministry Contact Sheets were reviewed for the committee by:
  - a. Judy Hickey for the Young at Heart and Caregivers Support ministries.
  - b. Chip O'Dell for Angel Tree and the St. Vincent de Paul Society.
  - c. Jean Warner for the Prayer Shawl and International Twinning ministries
  
5. The Committee heard ministry reports about SPRED and the Cathedral Center Hospitality Program.
  - a. SPRED, which is an acronym for Special Religious Development, is a religious program for developmentally disabled young people. Since announcing the beginning of SPRED at SJV more than a year ago, ten volunteers have completed over 100 hours of training so that they could give these sessions at SJV. The SJV SPRED group had its kickoff party on Friday, January 13, and is happy to announce that the first SPRED session will take place on February 28, 2017.
  - b. The Cathedral Center Hospitality Program is a new ministry at SJV under the leadership of Debbie Granger. Cathedral Center is a shelter for women and families, and under Debbie's leadership SJV parish volunteers have begun preparing, delivering and serving a meal there once a month. Their first time was this past Wednesday, January 18, the next time will be Wednesday, February 15. If you'd like to help, you can sign up online through the SJV website.
  
6. All Saints Meal Program and Cathedral Center Hospitality Program are both now using SignUpGenius.com to sign up volunteers.

**Decisions Made:**

1. The Human Concerns Ministries Addendum & Liaison Assignments document dated January 23, 2017 was approved.
  - a. The Fair Trade Holiday Market and Meet & Eat were removed from the list.
  - b. Five new ministry liaison assignments were made for Faith Seeking Healing, Grace Within, Prayer Shawl Ministry, International Twinning, and the Veterans Group.
2. The Human Concerns 2016-2017 Strategic Plan update was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**Follow-up Work:**

1. Suggested website listings for the Elizabeth Ministry, International Twinning and the St. Vincent de Paul Society were distributed for review by committee members before the next meeting.

**Next Meeting:**

- February 27, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

John B. Thompson

Acting Secretary