

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

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

**Date of Meeting:** April 24, 2017

**Members Present:**

Judy Hickey	Debbie Potter
Renee Larson, PC Liaison	Kathy Rave, Vice-Chair
Chip O'Dell	Andy Stith
Marian Ostrowski	John Thompson, Dir. of Human Concerns
Chuck Potter	Jean Warner, Chair

**Members Absent:** None

**Candidates Discerning:**

Nancy Arena	Katie Nova
Everette Fernandes	Mike Ostrenga
Bill Gromacki	Todd Shanks
Mike Hammond	Mariann Van Winkle
John Kettler	Michele Wallace

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

**Topics Discussed:**

1. Those present participated in faith sharing regarding the Gospel of the Journey to Emmaus.
2. Committee members and ten candidates introduced themselves and the committee roster was distributed. There are four openings on the committee.
3. The Human Concerns Committee strategic plan for 2016-2017 was distributed and reviewed.
4. The Human Concerns Committee Guidelines were read by those assembled.

5. SJV parishioner Jim Luther was given the 2017 Treasures of the Church award by Catholic Charities Milwaukee for his work with St. Hyacinth's Food Pantry.
6. Committee members discussed What Worked and What Didn't for the year past. The dissemination of the Matthew Desmond's book *Evicted* and the role of the liaison in creating written guidelines for the Peru Medical Mission Subcommittee were mentioned as things that worked. Some things that didn't work were the difficulty in contacting some ministry leaders and the proposed Epiphany event at Prince of Peace. (It was cancelled at the request of POP due to their having a new ministry team.)
7. The discernment process was explained to the candidates.
8. The Pastoral Council Report was given by Renee Larson. Kathy Barutha replaced Robb Lied on the Pastoral Council.
9. Renee Larson will be working with the MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary to set up a brown-bag lunch ministry.
10. The sign-up sheet for ministry recognition at the June 3 & 4 Masses and the sign-up sheet for refreshments at the June 19 CLN were circulated.

**Decisions Made:**

1. The minutes of the February 27, 2017 committee meeting were approved.
2. The ministry recognition sign-up for the June 3 & 4 Masses was completed.
3. The sign-up for refreshments for the June 19 CLN was completed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**Follow-up Work:**

- Ministry recognition will be on Pentecost weekend, June 3 & 4, 2017.
- The agenda for the next meeting is due to Paula Folda on June 13, 2017.
- The committee will provide refreshments for the June 19, 2017 CLN.

**Next Meeting:**

- June 19, 2017