

**Committee Report
St. John Vianney Parish**

Name of Committee: Human Concerns Standing Committee

Date of Meeting: March 5, 2018

Members Present:

Kathy Barutha, PC Liaison	Debbie Potter
Lisa Forman, Secretary	Andy Stith
Judy Hickey	John Thompson, Dr. of Human Concerns
Marian Ostrowski	Jean Warner, Chair
Chuck Potter	

Members Absent: Chip O'Dell and Kathy Rave, Vice-Chair

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Topics Discussed:

1. The minutes of January 15, 2018 committee meeting were distributed and discussed. A change was made under the Decisions Made section for St. Hyacinth Food Pantry: "...revised ministry description..." is changed to "mission statement".
2. Kathy Barutha, PC Liaison, gave the Parish Council Report
3. The following individuals are helping to collect CRS Rice Bowls at mass March 24 and 25:
 - a. Jean Warner, Kathy Barutha, Judy Hickey, Chip O'Dell and Lisa Forman.
 - b. Jean Warner and Tesa Warner-Eckley will sort CRS Rice Bowls on March 26, 2018.
4. Production ease and effectiveness of personalized Ministry Recognition Cards was discussed.
5. The committee heard the following reports from various of its ministries:
 - a. SJV Baby Shower for Rosalie Center of Pathfinders
 - i. The Shower will be April 7th through April 15th.
 - ii. Portable crib in the narthex for new or gently used baby items for donation
 - b. Catholic Relief Services Parish Ambassadors Corps:
 - i. Due to SVJ's already large international presence, we will not participate at this time.
 - c. Invitation to join One Community:
 - i. Program of Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee which seeks to build a faith-based constituency for political advocacy at the state level to address the economic and racial divide in southeastern Wisconsin.
 - ii. The Committee is looking into this.
 - d. The Coins for Babies campaign:

- i. Has collected over \$6,800 this year.
 - ii. This is \$300 less than last year, but better than 2015, when we collected about \$6,100.
 - iii. This is our Respect Life Committee's biggest fundraiser of the year.
 - iv. The proceeds will be donated to three pro-life organizations: Life's Connection, Milwaukee Birthright, and the Women's Support Center of Milwaukee.
- e. New funeral service offering:
 - i. SJV is now offering a service for families that have a funeral here with cremains, but no funeral director.
 - ii. For a \$400 fee our Funeral Visitation Assistant will assist the family.
 - iii. Fee is less than what a funeral home would charge for the same service.
- f. New Pastor at Prince of Peace:
 - i. As of February 4, Father Max Tzul is the new pastor at POP.
 - ii. He is a priest of the Missionary Fraternity of Mary, a religious order founded in Guatemala in 1985.
 - iii. SJV staff will meet Fr. Max on March 15, 2018.
- g. Sponsor a Trade School Student program:
 - i. The new program is off to a good start.
 - ii. An anonymous donor has agreed to match each nursing scholarship donated by a current or former nurse.
 - iii. As of February 21, over \$30,000 has been donated for 55 scholarships.

Decisions Made:

1. The minutes of January 15, 2018 committee meeting were approved with the one change noted above.
2. Ministry Recognition Cards:
 - i. Will use up the cards we have, and personalize them at our April 23 meeting.
 - ii. We will have a pre-mass announcement of the recognition the weekends of May 13 and May 20, 2018.
 - iii. We hope to include a list of the ministries to be recognized on a PowerPoint slide in the announcement video.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Follow-up Work: Liaisons should continue to update ministry contact sheets that have not been done for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, and bring them to the next meeting.

Next Meeting: April 23, 2018

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Forman, Secretary