

St. John Vianney
Parish Committee Minutes

Committee: Human Concerns

Meeting Date: Monday, April 26, 2021

Attendance: **X = Present** **E = Excused** **A = Absent**

E Fr. Ed Kornath, *Pastor*
E Fr. Alex Nwosu, *Associate Pastor*
X John Thompson, *Staff Liaison*
E Kathy Barutha, *Pastoral Council Liaison*

Members
E Marian Williams, *Chair*
X Mary Label, *Secretary*
X Pam Beckman Westermann
X Judy Hickey
X Maria Schloemer

Guests present:

Shawn Correia, nominee for Human Concerns membership
Helen Valentinelli, nominee for Human Concerns membership
Dan Tracy, seminarian
Jamie Zdroik, deacon candidate

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

TOPICS DISCUSSED

1. Faith Sharing: *How are you growing in God's love?*

2. Introduction of Committee Activities and Members to Nominees

Committee members briefly introduced themselves and related a positive experience to help the nominees understand the work of the committee.

3. Read Human Concerns Committee Guidelines

The guidelines were read in their entirety to acquaint the nominees discerning committee membership with all aspects of the committee: Authority and Relationship, Purpose and Aim, Functions / Responsibilities, Parish Ministries, Membership, Officers, Qualifications and Duties, Meetings, Year-End Transition of Information, Changes / Amendments.

4. Minutes of Last Meeting

The meeting date of March 2, 2021, was corrected to March 1, 2021.

5. Pastoral Council Report

Due to Kathy Barutha's absence, there was no Pastoral Council report.

6. Reports from Ministry Liaisons

Members reported on the ministries listed below. Brief notes are included. John Thompson has the written reports.

- SPRED – No longer SPRED, but YARD (Young Adult Religious Development). In-person meetings to be resumed by May or June, 2021.
- Young At Heart – 10:30 AM Mass for seniors on May 20, 2021, followed by a gathering in the narthex.
- Caregivers Support Group – The first gathering was held several weeks ago; the next one is the first Tuesday in May.

- All Saints Meal Program – Suspended indefinitely
- St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program – Has continued throughout the pandemic on the third Tuesday of every month. Food donated for meals is placed in individual containers and distributed onsite as take-out meals.

7. Open Wide Our Hearts Service Project

Maria Schloemer reported that 5 participants have met twice. The group wanted to create a community-building project with 5 members of All Saints Parish and Prince of Peace. The suggestion was a spring cleanup. Ten members of St. John Vianney spread mulch on a Saturday; due to Covid, however, there were no participants from All Saints or Prince of Peace.

8. Homebound Ministry Update

Mary Label reported that there are now 13 people who have volunteered to make Eucharistic visits to the homebound. Two homebound parishioners are presently receiving Eucharistic visits and two more have requested them. Arrangements will be made with the volunteers to schedule visits for them. To reach more homebound parishioners, a request will be made to Fr. Kornath for another announcement about the ministry.

9. New Business and Announcements

The parish Lenten Rice Bowl campaign was successful with \$2,108.94 donated.

DECISIONS MADE

1. The minutes of the March 1, 2021, meeting were approved.

ACTION/FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

1. Marian Williams: Communicate as needed with John Thompson about the agenda for the June 7, 2021, meeting, and submit agenda to Paula Folda by May 28, 2021.
2. Mary Label: Send minutes of Human Concerns April 26, 2021, meeting to Paula Folda and all committee members. Target date: May 3, 2021.
3. Mary Label: Send John Thompson an announcement about the Eucharistic Homebound Ministry to be read during announcements in church. Target date: April 27, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, June 7, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Label
Secretary

ATTN Parish Council

FYI: No action needed at this time.