

Human Concerns Committee
October 9, 2006

Members Present: Rose Schreiber, Ann Krumrich, Brian Schneider, Bernie Mc Cartan, Judy Reichow, Terry Bahl, Mary Kurkiewicz, Vera Switalski, Sonia Halverson, Carl & Mary Jo Niemiec, Lisa Bixby, Mary Fenton

Parish Council: Lillian

Parish Breakfast- Mary Fenton said that this year breakfast is only being served up until 11:00 am. The attendance was good for the first one in September.

Healing and Health Ministry-Mary Kurkiewicz said that this ministry has been going on for 9 years. Some of the many things they do are: visit the sick, health education, education for wellness for both the mind & the spirit, wellness classes for the school, flu shot clinics. Her goals include providing smoking cessation programs and having advanced care planning clinics.

Rose Schreiber talked about how well the survey results were for developing programs for senior needs in the parish. Marguerite Schuman was the organizer for it. There will be a meeting with several parishes to plan on how to better fulfill these needs. Most parishes already have programs in place.

Child Abuse Protection Ministry-Mary Jo & Carl talked about how well their program is doing. Other churches are getting involved with the ministry. They talked about how our program differs from the ones being provided by government agencies. Our focus brings in the fact that we do everything in the name of God. They had an excellent poster made & shared it with us. A discussion was made as to where to display it & others which will be made up. The verbage on the poster is:

CHILDREN REFLECT GOD'S LOVE
DARE NOT ABUSE THEM

OUR FAMILY AGAINST CHILD ABUSE

Keep up the good work Mary Jo & Carl!!

Waukesha Food Pantry-Terry Bahl talked about how low the pantry is right now. Canned fruit is one of their needs. There was a Bow-A-Thon fundraiser which went well.

CCWC-Terry mentioned that they have not relocated to their new building yet. They also received 2 special awards from the county.

Kettle Moraine Food Pantry-Vera Switalski said the pantry is low right now. It's hours are 10:00 am - 11:00 am on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays. She said that

the pantry doesn't have to be open for you to make a donation. Just drop it off at the church. (All Saints Lutheran) There is a special place for donations. She also said that they love chicken noodle soup.

Heavenly Babies Layette Ministry-Ann Krumrich said that a letter was written for a grant from the archdiocese. She said that a source must be found for cheaper priced books to put in the bags. Right now they have a lot of things to put in them. Curves has been very generous with donations.

St. Ben's Meal Program-Judy Reichow said that generous donations of bread is being received for Panera Bread & Wales bakery. There is a need for men's sweatshirts, blankets, gloves, hats, etc.

Mt. Meru Coffee-Bernie Mc Cartan said this ministry is doing well. All Saints Lutheran church is involved with it too. The coffee is grown by family farmers in Tanzania. They receive 2-3 times more income than if it were sold commercially. Sales are even with that of last year. We need to have Larry Norman give another presentation at mass.

Reformation Lutheran Church-Brian Schneider talked about the need to announce in the bulletin occasionally what their needs are. They need many things including furniture & appliances. For the Giving Tree he would like to request more gift cards. People would rather donate a gift, but the gift cards work better.

Guatemala- Sonia Halverson talked about the huge response for the yarn collection. It is used in 3 areas to teach skills to women. There is still an ongoing need for medical supplies. There is a weakness of communication between us. People from our parish are going over there this month to listen to their needs.

Parish Council-Lillian said that a survey needs to be put out about our pet peeves & concerns.

Finances-Rose Schreiber gave a report on our finances. Currently there is a balance of \$5,707.70 in the loaves & fishes account. She said that we need to do a bigger fundraiser than last year. A committee was started to work out the details. The first meeting will be on 10/31 at 6:30pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

May we all continue to do God's work peacefully & with wholeness.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Fenton
Secretary