

St Bernard's Parish

HUMAN NEEDS COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, September 18, 2017 – 6:30 P.M.

Present: Barb Bohringer, Barb Roberts, Jane Maly, Jan Clauss, Georgine Jacobs, Pam Klas, Carole Savage

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. with our prayer.

Minutes from the May 2017 Meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Community Meal Programs

- Multi-Cultural Center Meal – Tony Bickl reported that we continue to serve about 100 to 120 meals per month.
- Luke House meal – Aletha Burrier reported that we served 80 in the month of September. We will let everyone know what is needed for this program thru the bulletin.

Snack Pack Blessings – Georgine Jacobs

Georgine gave a summary of the program for new members and to update all of us as to what is happening now. Also representing the Snack Pack program was Denny Sweeney who is the purchasing coordinator.

- We began this program in October of 2016 with about 8 children receiving packs and we were helping 15 children at the end of the school year.
- We currently have 80 volunteers who pack backpacks on Thursday evening or Friday morning.
- We now serve Elm Lawn School but would like to add Northside School this year. Before we do that we need to meet with the social worker from Northside.
- We would like to restart the program in October but need to wait until the meetings with social workers.
- We can no longer get food from Middleton Outreach Ministry so we will begin to purchase food.
- We have \$1000 left from last year however, Georgine will talk with Fr Brian about donations. She will inform us of the results of that meeting.
- We were told we were giving too much food to the children and we will adjust our menu this year to be similar to the others.

- We will no longer use the backpacks but instead start using plastic bags.
- Georgine will email the volunteers to see who is still interested in helping when she has a potential start date.

School Supply & Mac & Cheese Drive – Jane Maly

All posters have been saved as have the signs that we use for the barrels. So next year they can be reused and no one has to worry about making new ones. They are in the Religious Ed Room.

The School Supply Drive was a big success. We collected 79 backpacks, 10 filled backpacks and 23 bags and boxes of school supplies. Kevin Laufenberg delivered these supplies to our sister parish in Milwaukee.

In addition to the school supplies, we collected 500 boxes of Mac & Cheese. These boxes were delivered to Middleton Outreach Ministry.

Sister Parish Picnic – Barb Roberts

Barb reported that 6 people from our parish attended this picnic in Milwaukee. It was a wonderful picnic as usual. Would love to find some way to have more participation from our parishioners.

MOM Parish Representative - Barb Roberts

Each church in Middleton has a representative for MOM. They meet every other month at 4:30 p.m. Barb went to this meeting on 8/1, 4pm and said she would continue to be our representative for now.

St Vincent de Paul - Barb Roberts

- Election of Officers was held and the new President is Neal Bickler – Barb Roberts is now Vice President. Thanks for being President! Their Food Drive will be 11/11 and 11/12/17.
- On the weekend of September 30/October 1 St Vincent Society will hold a “Invitation to Serve” a recruitment for new members – This will be in a Coffee Sunday format.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers

- The elections will be tabled until our October meeting.
- A reminder that the Human Needs Commission meets the months of September, October, November, February, March, April and May

Clothing Drive

The Clothing Drive will be held November 11/12 and 18/19. Students will sort clothing on the 19th and we will finish sorting November 20th which is our meeting night. Barb Bohringer and Carole Savage will Co-chair. Kevin Sullivan will have his RE students help sort.

Giving Tree

The Giving Tree for our sister parish, St Francis in Milwaukee will be put up before the weekend of November 18/19 and will be up the 25/26 also. Gifts will be due back Sunday, December 3rd. We will sort gifts after the 11:00 mass on December 3rd. Barb Roberts talked to Eva from St Francis to see if there were things we could do better/different to help them out. One of the things she said they could use was more African American toys/dolls/action figures. Also, maybe include something special for mothers. We will work on supplying a suggestion list for the Giving Tree. We are in need of two Co-chair persons for this drive.

Easter Baskets

The Easter Basket Workshop will be held on Sunday, March 11th. Georgine will be Co-chair and Barb R will assist. Pam Klas volunteered to do the shopping for supplies.

Catholic Charities – get the word out that Tammy Fleming is in great need of volunteers,
call 608-826-8022 or email Tfleming@ccmadison.org

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 with a closing prayer.

Next meeting is Monday, October 16th in the Parish Center Meeting Room, 6:30pm.

Minutes submitted by Jane Maly