

Human Concerns Minutes

Tues., Jan. 13, 2009

7:00 PM Cathy Billington's House

Present: Ellen Guse, Phyllis Heideman, Marge Brandel, Marie Berry, Ann Guse, Joan Kunstmann, Marge Cramer, Cathy Billington, Janine Andes

Introductions – Several new members were welcomed to our committee: Joan Kunstmann, Marge Brandel, and Marie Berry. We also welcome new members who were not present: Deena Gouff & Diane Anderson.

Church Health Services – Marie Berry shared a dvd to familiarize us with Church Health Services. The dvd was called Realizing the Blessing-The Three Ministries of Church Health Services. Church Health Services was started in 1992 and currently offers clinics in Beaver Dam for low-income people who do not have health insurance. Visit www.churchclinic.org for more information. They are looking to expand clinics into the Mayville area and are in need of volunteers. Volunteer opportunities would include setting up/taking down clinic rooms, taking care of sample medicines, greeting patients, making appointments, parish nurses. They hope to start in Mayville by March. Word gets out through Dodge County Services. Good Samaritan act covers liability for nurses. The program is run using grants and contributions. Some fundraising is also done.

Visiting Shut-ins, Nursing Home Residents – Phyllis shared that this type of visiting is already being done by Deacon Willie Heideman. Joan Kunstmann, Deena Gouff, and Diane Anderson are interested in doing visits as well, so Phyllis will share their names with Deacon Willie.

Monthly Food Pantry – Ann Guse will get announcements in bulletin and display up in church for first weekend in February.

Quilt Tying – Watch bulletin for announcements as to when quilt tying will begin. Quilt tying takes place at DelPonte's home Tues. mornings and afternoons.

Sock/Hat/Mitten Collection – Sock, hat, & mitten collection for the needy in Milwaukee area will take place during the entire month of February. We will be collecting men, women, and children sizes. Ann will submit announcement for bulletin. Phyllis will set up display at St. Mary's and Cathy will set up display at St. Andrew's by the last weekend in January.

Bread for the World Bake Sale – Ann received the okay from Fr. Tom for us to set up a homemade bread sale during the Lenten Soup and Vespers. At this time we will just plan on doing it at the first one which will be on Tues., March 3rd in St. Mary's Church. Soup is served from 6:00-6:45 followed by a speaker and Vespers. We will sell bread baked by our committee members and anyone else willing to bake. Any kind of baked bread is fine – fruit breads, whole grain, baked breads from frozen dough, etc. Proceeds will go to Bread for the World. Cathy Billington will check their web-site www.bread.org to see if there is a flyer we can utilize to raise awareness. Ann reported that Fr. Tom indicated his favorite organization in fighting poverty is Oxfam. Check out www.oxfamamerica.org for more information. Consider promoting Oxfam in future?

Next Meeting – Next meeting is Tues., Feb. 10, 2009 in St. Mary Church at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Janine Andes