

Human Concerns Minutes
Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2010
St. Mary Church, Mayville – 7:00 PM

Present: Joan Brown, Carrie Mueller, Mike Bachhuber, Willie Heideman, Ann Guse, Phyllis Heideman, Marie Berry, Marge Brandel, Margie Cramer, Janine Andes

Introduction of New Committee Members: 3 new members have signed up. Dr. Michael Bachhuber was the only new member able to attend this meeting. Other new members are Pam Fox and Wendy Falevsky. An updated committee member list is being sent out and put on the parish web-site.

February Activities:

a) **Quilt Tying** – Quilt tying begins February 2nd.

b) **Military Personnel Collection** – Discussion took place regarding what type of collection to take up for our military personnel. Phone cards were an idea from our previous meeting, however, after further discussion it was decided this might not be the best item to send due to other forms of communication such as web-cams, email, etc. Also possible difficulties using phone cards from other countries. Margie Cramer is going to seek advice from her friend who has family in the military. Suggestions such as writing letters and sending subscriptions to local newspaper were brought up. We need to get names and addresses of people in the service who are related to our parishioners. We would like to do this in time for Easter (Apr. 4th) so a decision needs to be made at our February meeting. Please email any ideas to Ann Guse (raguse@charter.net) so we can discuss them at our next meeting.

Update from Ann Guse's 1/20/10 email: Here is an idea I have. Feel free to give your opinions about it. Ann Guse

OUTREACH TO MILITARY PERSONNEL -- OVERSEAS AND STATESIDE -- NAMES SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS OF ST. MARY/ST. ANDREW

Our committee would send greeting cards w/handwritten notes to all of the names submitted, each with a promise of special prayers during Easter Week. Each committee member would be assigned names, would send out the cards (our committee to make on computer), and would pray for those people. Minimal cost: materials for cards, envelopes, postage.

c) **Bread Sale** – Funds will benefit Church Health Services this year.

Update from Ann Guse's 1/20/10 email: Lenten soup suppers and Vespers will be held at St. Mary's on Feb. 25 (Thurs.) and March 25, with soup being served at 6 PM. I am planning to hold our Homemade Bread Sale for the benefit of Church Health Services on Feb. 25, starting about 5:30 PM, and will put information in the bulletin. If, for any reason, you think the March 25 date would be preferable, let me know. We can plan details of the sale at our Feb. 9 meeting, but I need to get something in the bulletin before that date if we hold the sale on Feb. 25. Ann Guse

Church Health Services – Marie Berry provided an update: Open house taking place Jan. 21, 2010 from 3-8 pm with 7:00 pm ribbon cutting. Michel's Foundation grant was not awarded. Might apply to Bachhuber Foundation now. Church Health Services is losing its current grant writer. A clinic was held on Jan. 12th with 6 people attending. Fr. Tom was the clergy person for the day. The date of future clinics will be moving to the 1st Thursday of each month in the morning.

Outreach to Sick and Homebound – Christmas cards were designed as discussed at our last meeting, however, didn't get sent out.

Willie will continue to work on trying to get together with the people who are interested in visiting the sick and homebound with him.

Outreach to the Elderly – Michael Bachhuber introduced himself to the committee. He presented the needs of the elderly in our community with the question of whether we feel it is in the realm of our committee to define the problems and come up with solutions. He suggested surveying the parish to have the people come forward to us with the problems/issues that need to be addressed. Some examples of needs that he sees are removing snow, changing light bulbs, people being alone with no one checking on them daily, etc. Volunteers can be a resource to the committee. A pulpit announcement by Dr. Mike when Mass is being taped was a suggestion. Dr. Mike asked the committee members to think about this individually and come together at our next meeting with our thoughts.

Next Meeting – Our next meeting is February 9, 2010 – 7:00 PM at St. Andrew's School Hall

Submitted by Janine Andes