

Prince of Peace Catholic Community Helping Hands Committee Meeting Notes

Date: Monday, February 12, 2024, 6:30pm

Attendees: Tammy Carley, Becky Collar, Chad Fameree, Carol Fredrickson, Donna Kapinos, Mary Kollross, Emily Koslowski, Angie Lamack, Lori Lessmiller, Vicki Sachs, Sara Shefchik, Bernie & Karen Skaletski, Debbie Tilot, Glen Tilot and Deacon Jeff Prickette

Pre-Notified Unable to Attend: Dawn Konop

Opening Prayer Led by Deacon Jeff Prickette

Giving Tree: Mary Kollross

- The group reviewed the thank you notes sent. If anyone receives any more, bring them to the next meeting for all to read.

Blood Drive: Mary Kollross

- Last drive had 37 units including 7 power red. A lot of people cancelled due to illness.
- Next drive: April 9th at the VFW again. After that, should be starting back at church.

NEW Shelter: Mary Kollross

- Next meal is Sunday, March 31st (Easter Sunday Night).
- Been going well, great turnout of help from the parish.

Health and Hygiene Drive: Glen Tilot

- Benefiting Friends of PALS Youth and Families
- Going great so far with one more weekend of collections
- Lori Lessmiller is going to reach out to Kody in the office to get a thank you in the bulletin for the generosity in the recent collections.

Love Life Collection: Emily Koslowski

- Collection will be in May.
- Emily is working with Kody to get announcement in the bulletin.
- Donna Kapinos will assist with this collection (Donna also volunteers with Love Life weekly)

Helping Hands Volunteers: Mary Kollross

- Mary reminded the group that they can review the yearly calendar and offer to volunteer for any events or activities they are interested in. Some events that could use a new leader are Love Life and NEW Shelter.

Church Council Updates: Sara Shefchik

- Building progress is going great!
- Children's Collection at masses will continue.
- Blessing bags will be available for young children during masses. They will include a new activity each week.

- Spring Auction Committee is looking for volunteers. Contact Theresa Williams in the office if interested.
- Grand Opening of the renovation will be held the weekend of 6/8 of 6/9.
- Committees can display information about their groups during the grand opening. As a group, let's think about what we might like to display and discuss at the next meeting.
- Saturday, September 7th at the 4:30pm mass, Bishop Ricken will be attending and blessing the renovation.
- High school parishioner Jacob Mathys is doing the Landscaping design for his Eagle Scout project. A statue has been purchased (Deacon Jeff shared a picture) and this project will be started once the weather gets nice and yard is ready.
- The All-Committee Workshop was held recently. Those in attendance stated that the guest speaker, Kristin Byrd brought great information and it was more of a retreat. All agreed that she might be a great speaker to bring back and be clearer on the purpose of the event.

Spring Auction Helping Hands Basket: Group

- All agreed to donate to an auction basket. The theme will be "Kitchen". Lori Lessmiller and Carol Fredrickson will buy the items and put the basket together. They will bring the total to the next meeting so all can donate. Bring your cash next time!

Advent By Candlelight: Tammy Carley & Becky Collar

- 2023 Final Numbers: \$6600 (Proceeds) \$4900 (Expenses) \$1732 to VIDA
- This year's evening planned for Tuesday, December 3, 2024
- The event will be back at church again this year.
- Idea was brought to the group to choose "Sleep In Heavenly Peace" as our recipient this year. Tammy will be reaching out to this group for more information and bring to our next meeting.

New Business: All

- Reminder to reach out to Kody in the office with all requests, events, collections, etc....
- Deacon Jeff has been working with a family in need from the Fox Valley. He shared the families' hardships in the bulletin recently and was overwhelmed by the wonderful parish response. He shared what is currently happening and how the parish has helped as well as being connected to get help through Catholic Charities through the diocese.
- Mary received an email from Lucas Holt (Catholic Charities Green Bay Diocese) There will be an opportunity to learn more about his group. More details to come.
- Bernie Skaletski mentioned that he walks for 40 days of Life six times in the spring over Lent and six times in the fall for Respect Life month. He is hoping others will join him. Deacon Jeff is going to see if he can get something in the bulletin to let others know about Bernie's plans.

Closing Prayer Led by Mary Kollross

Adjourned: 7:32pm

Next meeting: Monday, March 11, 2024, 6:30pm –

Any other decisions/announcements/cancellations will come via email from Mary Kollross