

Prince of Peace Catholic Community Helping Hands Committee Meeting Notes

Date: Monday, September 11, 2023 6:30pm

Attendees: Tammy Carley, Becky Collar, Mary Eckert, Chad Fameree, Carol Fredrickson, Donna Kapinos, Mary Kollross, Emily Koslowski, Angie Lamack, Emily Myrda, Sara Shefchik, Bernie & Karen Skaletski, Debbie Tilot, Glen Tilot

Pre-Notified Unable to Attend: Carol Herman, Lori Lessmiller, Mike & Dolly Martin and Jo Ann Vandebush

Opening Prayer Led by Mary: Group

Garden of Goodness: Bernie

- Almost done for the year
- Took Cabbage, Kohlrabi, and Corn to St Paul's Pantry
- Raspberries should be ready to enjoy in 2024!

Love Life: Emily V.

- Received nice thank you note from collection in May 2023
- Donna volunteers there every Thursday

House of Hope: Emily V.

- After masses collection will be October 21-30 with pick-up October 31st

Thanksgiving Collection:

- Chad Fameree will take the lead on this project
- Mary will prepare and submit the event form

Giving Tree: Mary

- Decided to take off Freedom House as their needs are usually met prior to our event replacing it with Laundry of Love
- The labels will read gifts returned by December 10 not November 11
- More to be discussed at October meeting

Blood Drive: Mary

- Next drive: Tuesday, October 3rd (changed from the original date Mary mentioned)
- The following volunteered for this event:
 - 11:30am-2:30pm – Karen Skaletski
 - 2:30pm-5:30pm – Mary Kollross/Carol Fredrickson
- Mary will submit 2024 dates to the parish office
- Due to construction, it might need to temporarily go back to the Bellevue VFW

NEW Shelter: Dawn

- No update

Hygiene Drive: Lori Lessmiller & Glen Tilot

- Will benefit PALS
- Will be held in January 2024

Building Updates: Sara

- Update is from Kody, and all is going well and on schedule
- Current work: Excavation and new exit
- Upcoming: Footings and lower-level work
- Current basement is boarded up at the opening
- Added 6 new disabled spots since we lost some due to construction
- Playground closed due to safety reasons in the construction zone
- Power will be shut down at the church on 9/22 between 12:30pm-3:30pm

Advent By Candlelight: Tammy

- Planned for Tuesday, December 5th
- Tammy booked "Good for The Soul" Music Group
- VIDA will be the charity this year
- Verbal church announcement should be weekend of October 21-22
- Bulletin announcements should start weekend of October 21-22
- Theme for our parish this year is "Making Space for Jesus"
- Ask The Ravine if they can spread out tables a bit (closer to bar since it is not a wedding and shouldn't need as much space there)
- We decided to hold off on men helping again until this event is back at church. More people at the Ravine might cause more issues with congestion, parking, etc. Tell them we are excited to have them back in the future.

Respect Life: John Peterson

- John asked to join the group to share his ideas regarding getting Respect Life more active in our parish
- October is Respect Life month but should be focused on all year
- John is working with Fr. Ryan and the Deacons to have events each weekend of October. His plans:
 - 1st Weekend: Intro to Respect Life. Asking each Deacon and Father to talk about this at mass Table in back of church with pro-life materials including pins, pens, balloons, reading materials, etc.
 - 2nd Weekend: Table in back of church with pro-life materials
 - 3rd Weekend: Table in back of church with pro-life materials and work with Deacon Jeff to talk about the Developmentally Disadvantaged.
 - 4th Weekend: Table in back of church with pro-life materials and focus on respecting marriage and family including marriage, adoption, foster parenting.
- John sent around a sheet to sign with contact information and asked anyone to sign if they might be interested in helping with the tables in October, walking for 40 Days of Life (6am-8am every Friday morning), or pray for Respect Life

- Would like to generate funds at the table for Wisconsin Pro-Life.
- John would like someone to help get an essay from the student who won 3rd place from the KC's essay contest about Pro-Life. Student is from Holy Cross School.
- John would like to start a group/ministry for Respect Life and has been told by the parish that he would need to have a parish council approved group or join a current one. All agreed that Helping Hands might not be the best fit and he should look at getting a group together and maybe that would fall under the Discipleship group.

St Mary's Kitchen Sale: Bernie & Karen

- Bernie & Karen shared that St Mary's of the Angels is selling some kitchen items including dishes, stoves, etc. We decided they should let the office and Carla know and they can determine if interested.

Parish Newsletter Question

- Bernie & Karen asked if people are getting a parish newsletter because they are not. We all let them know that many receive one in email. They can also get this information from the website and Flock Note. Anyone wanting information should contact the parish office to ensure they are on the emailing list.

Closing Prayer Led by Mary: Group

Adjourned: 7:34pm

Next meeting: Monday, October 9, 2023 6:30pm