

Prince of Peace Catholic Community Helping Hands Committee Meeting Notes

Date: Monday, October 14, 2024, 6:30 pm

Attendees: Tammy Carley, Becky Collar, Mary Eckert, Donna Kapinos, Mary Kollross, Dawn Konop, Emily Koslowski, Angie Lamack, Lori Lessmiller, Vicki Sachs, Bernie & Karen Skaletski, Debbie Tilot, Glen Tilot, JoAnn Vandembush

Pre-Notified Unable to Attend: Carol Fredrickson

Opening Prayer Led by Mary Kollross: Group

Garden of Goodness: Bernie Skaletski

- Done for the year
- 36# of Kalabari, 81# Cabbage and Onions (Unsure of amount) were harvested this year for Paul's Pantry
- Bernie is retiring after this year. We will add a note in the bulletin in Spring 2025 to see if anyone is interested in continuing this project.

Preble Hive: Mary Eckert

- More collected this year than in the past!
- All felt that Dusty speaking at masses really helped bring awareness to the Hive.
- Very thankful and received a very nice thank you from Mr. Bonetti, which was printed in the bulletin.

House of Hope: Emily Koslowski

- Went very well, a lot collected, and they were very thankful.
- Items had to be moved multiple times due to events at church.

Blood Drive: Mary

- Next drive: Tuesday, December 3rd
- October drive was a bit low. No specific number but a lot of deferrals for various reasons.

Thanksgiving Collection: Chad Fameree

- No update (Chad not at the meeting) but assuming he is handling again this year.

Advent By Candlelight: Tammy Carley and Becky Collar

- Planned for Tuesday, December 3rd.
- Location: The Ravine
- Doors Open at 5:15 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm
- Entertainment: Look Squirrel, featuring Nick and Emma Utrie
- Love Life will be the beneficiary this year of all profits.
- Tickets: \$30.00 (\$19.99 per plate + costs + proceeds to Love Life)
- Approx. 35 tables at 8 people per table (280 people)
- Keep lights down.

- Encourage hostesses to bring centerpiece with candles.
- A note with details will be sent to each hostess prior to the event after sign-ups.
- No carry 'ins are allowed, they can buy Wine at The Ravine.
- Bulletin announcements will start the weekend of November 2-3 for three weeks (Becky will work with the office) Poster also being made for the gathering space.
- Reservations will be taken the weekends of November 9-10 and November 16-17 after the masses. Those working the reservation tables:
 - November 9-10:
 - Sat 4:30 Mass: Donna Kapinos & Mary Kollross
 - Sun 8:00am Mass: Tammy Carley
 - Sun 10:00am Mass: Angie Lamack
 - Sun 6:00pm Mass: Debbie Tilot
 - November 16-17:
 - Sat 4:30 Mass: Donna Kapinos & Mary Kollross
 - Sun 8:00am Mass: Tammy Carley
 - Sun 10:00am Mass: Emily Koslowski
 - Sun 6:00pm Mass: Debbie Tilot
- Tammy Carley will be sending out details for those taking reservations prior to November 4th.
- Mary Kollross will set up a table in the church gathering space with a place setting and Advent by Candlelight sign.
- Angie Lamack and Dawn Konop will again help greeting those at the door the night of the event.

Giving Tree: Mary Kollross

- Tree decorating with all tags will be on Monday, November 11th.
- Each charity typically has approx. 75 tags.
- Gifts returned should be unwrapped and have the tag attached to the gift.
- The following are responsible for tags and collections/delivery for each charity:
 - **Denmark Community Cupboard:** Mary Kollross
 - **Brown County Treatment Center:** Carol Fredrickson
 - **NEW Community Shelter:** Dawn Konop
 - **St John's Homeless Shelter:** JoAnn Vandebush with Kelly Adams and Emily Myrda-Heeler
 - **Preble Hive:** Mary Eckert
 - **Odd Fellows Home:** Mary Kollross
 - **Laundry of Love:** Mary Kollross
 - **McKinney Vento:** Vicki Sachs and Debbie Tilot
 - **Foster The Village:** Glen Tilot

PALS Hygiene Drive: Glen Tilot and Lori Lessmiller

- All set to be held in February 2025.

Box of Joy Postage: Mary Kollross

- Glen did not have a chance to check into other postage options.

- Family committee is taking care of their project.

2025 Helping Hands Committee Calendar Review

Ecumenical Partnership for Housing: Mary Kollross

- It was mentioned that this group is still looking for help from our parish but no official request has been made. See attached invitation received from Glen Tilot. Members welcome to attend.

Military Family Support: Mary Kollross

- Mary mentioned that a family from our parish may need support as the husband/father has been deployed.
- All felt it might be better for the family to be supported by fellow veteran's families in the parish community and possibly high school students/adults that could help with babysitting. Deb Wegner-Hohense will keep us updated.

St Vincent de Paul: Mary Kollross

- Discussion was held if this charity needs support (a new member felt they might).
- Karen shared that she has not found them needing as much help as they used to.
- Mary will reach out to find out if any assistant is needed.
- Since the meeting, Karen contacted Mary that they do need help, especially on Mondays. Mary has a call into Brooke at St. Vincent de Paul to confirm times and will notify members of the findings.

Closing Prayer Led by Mary Kollross: Group

Adjourned: 7:20pm

Next meeting: Monday, November 11, 2024, 6:30pm – this will be only to decorate the Giving Tree.

Mary sent out an email on 10/15 after our meeting stating that Deacon Jeff has requested he would like all committee meetings moved to Thursdays. We can begin this in 2025. Mary asked all to reply with specific requests on which Thursday of the month works best. We will then choose the one that works for most. (The 2nd Thursday of the month is not available.)