

Human Concerns Commission
October 15, 2020

Present: Erv Lesczynski, Jim Stewart, Joyce Gau, Mary Ketterhagen, Doris Grajkowski, Trisha Zimmerman, Erin Cobb & Mary Denzin
Excused: Dan Zeleske, Fr Fabian, Barb Braun

Old Business

- Little Food Pantry- Doug Kant is still working on completing the Little Food Pantry that will be outside SM.
- Covid 19 Testing – no update. Spanish info available at St. Mary’s
- Farm Visits On hold due to COVID.
- HC Commission Officers
 - Joyce Gau to facilitate meetings and Mary Ketterhagen to take minutes
- Nursing Homes/Homebound
 - Nursing homes have not started yet.
 - Homebound ministry has started with restrictions.
 - Slowing increasing numbers

New Business

- Blessed Bites
 - In the 3rd week – overwhelming donations. Attendance slowly increasing.
- Grief Share – Surviving the Holidays will do 2 sessions on November 10 at 2:00 & 5:00pm.
 - Plan to start a new 13-week session in person after that
- Blood Drives
 - Health & Wellness committee will be covering starting in Dec. Erin & Mary have covered the past months.
- Day Warming Shelter – City has asked if we could open St. Mary’s one day per week.
 - Library is closed so City is asking the downtown churches to cover one day per week
 - Agreed to one day now waiting for further word from the City
- Harold Sabel Grant – Council has asked us to get the word out more.
 - Need to get word out with out going against any of the grant’s directives.
 - Only available to Holy Family members per grant directives
 - Talk to school counselors to see if they know of families in need
- Human Concerns report to Council – Erin will present on Oct. 21.
- Ministries on hold due to Covid 19 restrictions – slowly starting back again
- Thanksgiving meal – Immanuel Trinity is not doing the Thanksgiving meal this year.
 - HF Human Concerns will do this as takeout or delivery for up to 300 people
 - Will form a committee to meet to figure our logistics, quantities, volunteers, etc.
 - Post Meeting Update: Meeting scheduled for Oct 27
 - Have a priest present to give people a blessing as they drive thru to receive their meal

Next meeting: Thursday, November 19 @ 6:00pm (tentative)