

ST. BERNARD PARISH
HUMAN NEEDS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 12, 2023 @ 1:00-2:15 p.m., Higgins Hall

Attendance: Helen Drobniak, Georgine Jacobs, Craig Wood, JoAnna Richard, Rhiannon Buehler, Laura Angle, Dick Seifert, Barb Roberts, and Jan Klauss

1:00 - WELCOME – Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi led by Georgine Jacobs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 2023. Motion made by Dick, seconded by Craig. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Way Forward (MOM) – Barb Roberts. No HNC update but Barb shared that Way Forward has purchased adjacent property for expansion.

Luke House & Multicultural Center Meal Programs – Kevin M. & Jill Hilbert. No updates. Georgine also shared that the Snack Pack blessing will begin on October 6th. No numbers yet from the school district who has a new central Social Worker who will serve as a point of contact this year. Lisa Maly is soliciting volunteers for the school year.

Walking with Moms in Need Meeting – Georgine and Rhiannon led the discussion. Rhiannon handed out an information sheet containing a resource list link, a communication plan, pastorate discussions and how we can inspire others to access information. Rhiannon Buehler will serve as a Point of Contact for local parish staff and will be a resource for the pastorate. It was decided that the Walking with Moms in Need will be separate from the HNC but members will augment any volunteer needs.

NEW BUSINESS

Walking with Moms in Need Introductory Event, Sept. 23 & 24 – Rhiannon and Georgine led discussion on the Coffee Sunday and Holy Card Distribution. Rhiannon shared a sign-up sheet was shared and members signed up for shifts. Barb Roberts will order food for the weekend. Members will hand out prayer cards, staff clip board sign-ups and serve as hosts for the Coffee Sunday. Georgine will make the cut-out steps to direct parishioners to the gathering space and Higgins Hall.

Mother's Room Shelf Update – Georgine updated the group about a purchase of a shelf that Tom will install so that materials and supplies can be stored for families.

Way Forward Food Drive (MOM)

The coffee room will be used for storage after masses. We will hand out the paper bags at masses the weekend of **October 7 and 8th**. Collection will be held on the weekend of **October 14 and 15th**. Georgine will print out the Top Ten lists for assembling the bags, which will be held after the 8:15 mass on **Tuesday, October 3rd**. JoAnna will make a poster for the food drive and have it up prior to the collection dates, including a reminder to visit the mother's room. Dick suggested that the grocery bag donors be recognized, and their names will be in the bulletin.

Winter Coat/Warm Clothing Drive for St. Francis Assisi, Milwaukee

Collection dates were set for the weekends of November 4th and 5th and November 11th and 12th. More discussion will be held at the next meeting.

PRAYER & ADJOURN: Georgine led the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 10, 2023– 1:00 p.m. - Higgins Hall