

Human Concerns Minutes

Feb. 4, 2025

Attendees: Suzanne Biedenbender, Pat Davis, Leon Jacoby, Marilyn Sabec, Kathryn Sepstead, Betty Mayer & Penny Wessing

Meeting started at 6:00 with Prayer of St. Francis. Suzanne share “Thank you” letters from Mary’s Room for the Advent Tree items and from the residents at Gables for the St. Nick stockings.

PROJECTS & FOLLOW-UP

Gables Gift Stockings -The committee assembled the stockings at their Dec. 3rd meeting. Suzanne dropped off 38 stockings at Gables to be distributed on Dec. 6 – the feast of St. Nicholas. Currently there are 17 residents in building 1 and 21 residents in building 2. Committee members also delivered 18 stockings to the homebound. The committee reviewed and approved the “Gables Stocking Procedures” that Suzanne composed for future use.

Advent Giving Tree - We again collected items for Mary’s Room, DSCS school and the Food Pantry. For Mary’s Room we collected diapers for newborns, newborn onesies and sleepers, baby shampoo, baby lotion, toddler socks & underwear, new receiving blankets, size 3 & 4 winter clothes for boys or girls, size 3 winter jackets for boys or girls, formula & baby food, Target potty chair and new or gently used pack-n-plays. Suzanne got a list of needs for each classroom at DSCS. For the Food Pantry, we collected canned carrots, peas, creamed style corn, sliced potatoes, mandarin oranges, pineapple, fruit cocktail, refried beans, oatmeal in the cardboard canisters, variety packs of instant oatmeal, boxes of low-sugar or no-sugar dried cereal, deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, toilet paper, paper towels, kleenex, dish soap, laundry soap, hand soap (bars & liquid) and hand cream. All items were returned to church or the Parish Office back porch by Dec. 22. Our committee sorted the Giving Tree items after Sunday Masses on Dec. 15 & 22 and delivered them to the appropriate groups. Kati Dimmer also listed Mary’s Room and the Food Pantry items in the Advent newsletter. We received all the requested items, which shows the great generosity of our parishioners.

Christmas Cards to shut-ins – the Bemis family wrote out the Christmas cards.

Hygiene items for St. Bens & Sheboygan County homeless – We are coordinating this project with the St. Vincent group and will share what we collect with the Sheboygan County and their homeless program. We will run the hygiene drive from Feb. 23 - March 16. A list of suggested items will be handed out after Mass on Feb. 23. The list will also be published in the bulletin and cluster newsletter. We will sort items after Sunday Masses on March 9 & 16. Pat Davis will deliver items to Mary’s Room for sorting in Sheboygan and Suzanne will take items to St. Ben’s.

Blood Drive – Our next blood drive is scheduled for April 7 from 1:00 – 6:00 pm. Kathryn & Marilyn will work the first shift and Mary Beth & Penny will work the second shift. We will again have some homemade bakery along with the Red Cross snacks for refreshments after giving blood.

Easter Cards to shut-ins - Suzanne will purchase the cards and send them out.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm. Next meeting: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Biedenbender