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**Meeting of Human Concerns Commission  
May 6, 2025**

Present at meeting: Donna Rider (chair), Gerry Wolf (Vice-Chair), Barth Wolf (Secretary), Linda Helvick, Ron Weis, Sarah Walters and Beth Kangas

The meeting commenced at 7:00 pm with prayer.

The minutes of the April 4, 2025 meeting were approved with the addition of the surname of people who were mentioned in the minutes but not in attendance at the meeting.

There was not a Parish Council update since there was not an April meeting.

Gerry will provide an update on the Rice Bowl collection once final numbers are obtained.

In recognition of the Congregation of the Great Spirit's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary we may send a delegation to a mass there to express our support for our sister parish.

The Baby Bottle Boomerang is in process. We will not be doing a second one in October, but instead Donna is looking at other options to support Respect Life month in October.

Sarah Walters will be coordinating blood drives going forward. The next one is June 17.



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Ron said the food pantry is doing well. They are getting enough collections to cover current needs. We may also consider doing some type of food collection in the future for the Congregation of the Great Spirit.

Linda reported that the Yarn Ministry is going well. She continues to get donations regularly. She will take a break over the summer from making deliveries, but donated items will continue to come in.

A Christmas in July Giving Tree fundraiser is set for school supplies for the Congregation of the Great Spirit from July 12 through July 27. We will try to get a list of needed items from them, but in the interim Linda will send the Milwaukee School District list of school supplies. Gerry, Linda and Barth offered to help as needed.

An “all commissions” meeting will be held on May 14. Beth will follow up on details and provide them after the meeting.

No one was present to provide updates on Elizabeth Ministries, St. Vincent DePaul and St. Ben’s.

The next meeting will be via zoom on September 2, 2025 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Barth Wolf.