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**Meeting of Human Concerns Commission  
October 9, 2025**

Present at meeting: Gerry Wolf (Chair), Barth Wolf (Secretary), Donna Rider and Connie Helm

The meeting commenced at 7:00 pm with a beautiful prayer based on the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the September 2, 2025 meeting were adopted.

There was not a formal Parish Council update since Jim Robertson was not able to attend. However, Connie Helm mentioned that the Parish Council is thinking of having one or two in-person all-commission meetings and possibly a mission fair once a year. Everyone agreed that this was a good idea and that our Human Concerns Commission supports this idea.

Barth Wolf agreed to continue as Secretary for the Human Concerns Commission for this year. A discussion on who will fill the vacant Vice-Chair position will be held at the next meeting when we hopefully will have more members in attendance.

The need to coordinate collections and drives with the school was discussed. Connie indicated that none were planned at this time at the school. Donna talked to the school about them helping with making the ornaments for the Giving Tree. Connie plans to meet in person with the school to discuss further and in particular talk about possibly collecting protein bars, peanut butter and shelf milk for the Congregation of the Great Spirit sometime over the Holidays.



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Donna has a poster and announcements set for Respect Life month and the associated diaper drive. Connie asked that we document the amount of diapers received including some pictures.

Sarah Walters sent in a report about the blood drive held on October 3. 15 whole blood and 8 double red cell units were received. The next drive will be January 9 which will be one of four scheduled for next year. Some promotion for the drives has been done on social media and finding other means to promote outside of St. Gabriels is appreciated.

Sarah Kohls sent in a report that the Elizabeth Ministry program is underway. She and Kathy Mans visited the headquarters in Mukwonago to learn more about how to implement the program. The focus now is on the Rosebuds and Baptism ministry. Rosebuds have been updated and are checked regularly and prayed over. Pictures of all babies baptized are being posted on a display at church.

Gerry reported that the Yarn Ministry is going well and he picked up five big bags of knitted goods and brought them to the Congregation of the Great Spirit.

The backpack collection from this summer that benefited the Congregation of the Great Spirit was delivered by Donna and her husband. When Gerry dropped off items from the yarn ministry, he also dropped off an anonymous check for \$1,000 that was given to the parish office for the Congregation of the Great Spirit. They were thrilled to receive the yarn goods and the check. Gerry suggested that he may talk to the school about taking some students there on a "field trip" to learn more about our sister parish and how it serves the needy in its neighborhood.

No one was present to provide updates on the Food Pantry, St. Vincent DePaul and St. Ben's. The Commission did discuss the reverse collection



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that we had last year for the food pantry. It was held last fall. Whether this is something to continue and when the best time to do it will be something that needs input from Ron Weis.

Under new business Gerry asked Barth to talk about the Feed My Starving Children organization that Barth and his wife are active in. Barth talked about how Feed My Starving Children is a Christian hunger relief organization that provides specialized meals to the most needy areas in over 100 countries. They rely on volunteers to pack and fund meals at mobile packing sites hosted by churches, schools, businesses, etc. It would be good to get a few people from the Human Concerns Commission and maybe elsewhere from church or the school to attend an event to learn more about this.

The meeting closed with everyone praying the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be via zoom on November 4, 2025 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Barth Wolf.