

HUMAN NEEDS COMMISSION MEETING

FEBRUARY 3, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Archer, Ane' Berg, Pauline Thomas Brown, Kathy Calero, Vicki Dau, Catherine Kamper, Totie Leonardo, Lisa Muegge, Angie Orlando, Monica Piechowiak, Patti Shannon, Donna Stoltzman, Carmen Villareal. Guest: Lisa Menich, Alexian Brothers Interfaith Parish Support Services – Peace & Social Justice.

HUMAN NEEDS COMMISSION

This was our first meeting with the representatives from the three groups that make up the Human Needs Commission – Community Life, Outreach and Social Action. Catherine Kamper talked about the definition of a commission and its responsibilities. The commission's mission and vision statement was presented. It was proposed that the whole Human Needs Commission meet quarterly.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Lisa Menich gave us a presentation regarding the “Principles of Catholic Social Teaching”. Even though we may put into practice many of these principles, we were encouraged to bring into our community the fundamentals and vocabulary of what we, as Catholics, must do to better understand what our social mission is to the world.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Vicki Dau – Outreach: Vicki had a long list of all the good works and monies raised that the ministries under this commission have accomplished so far this year.

Patti Shannon – HEAL/Pastoral Care: Patti explained how this ministry not only comforts the one in need, but brings great benefits to the HEAL minister.

Pauline Thomas Brown – Peace and Social Justice: Pauline spoke of some of the actions this ministry has been involved, including the voter's registration before the primary and general elections. Also letters that are handwritten to our representatives concerning issues we feel as a Catholic community are important to our social teaching.

Totie Leonardo – Filipino: Totie enlightened us on how this community not only has their important spiritual events, but also contributes money to other ministries.

Donna Stoltzman – Welcome: This ministry is working on how best to register new parishioners. There are quarterly registration times in the Ministry Center, as well as one to one registration.

Lisa Muegge –ESL 1x1: “English as a Second Language” has been a great success. February 2009 marked their 4th anniversary. Lisa and her husband, Rich, along with their tutors have worked with those who need the basic knowledge of the English language to enable them to get jobs, pass the GED, and handling day to day activities.

Bereavement: This ministry was organizing an eight week group session, “Harvesting Our Tears”. This was cancelled due to lack of attendance.

DREAMS FOR HUMAN NEEDS COMMISSION

- Tom Norton requested the commission members to dream big on how a larger portion of the Parish Budget could be spent on Human Needs. Suggestions offered – 1. *A Parish Bus.* This would not only be helpful for Human Needs, but would extend to other commission activities. 2. *Match Dollar for Dollar.* For every dollar collected through Human Needs projects, the parish would match these funds. 3. Catherine would like to partner with a parish that Sr. Florence belongs to or one that Doug Kasper or Linda visited in Africa.

THE MENTORING PROGRAM

All members of this commission were given information from David Heimann, Youth Ministry Director, regarding a mentoring program for the youth of our parish.

**Next Meeting:
Tuesday, May 5, 2009
7:30 pm
Main Church Large Meeting Room**

Minutes submitted by Kathy Calero