

SEPTEMBER 2019 CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Denise Brady, Tony Carozza, Mary Jo Collins, Sandy Rogala, Jenn Wilson

ABSENT: Helen Ickes

The meeting opened with prayer led by Denise Brady at 7:025PM

FUNERAL LUNCH:

Helen not in attendance but Toni reported that luncheons are moving along. The email notices are helping get volunteers; only once or twice when we had shorter notice of a luncheon was there a problem getting volunteers. Summertime presents its own problems with getting volunteers once people start going on vacation or "up north." All in all things are going well and there have been many compliments on our luncheons and Helen's kindness to those grieving.

GOSPEL OF LIFE

Special rosary hel on August 15 for Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Abortion Dismemberment Ban Petition Drive is underway. Collected 24 pages of signatures at the Parish Picnic. Over 340,000 signatures needed. Tables will be set up in the Gathering Area and Parish Hall the weekends of September 14-15 and 21-22 to collect signatures. Father Jim will have an article in the bulletin.

On Respect Life Weekend the AAA Pregnancy Resource Center Baby Bottle Campaign will being (weekend of October 5-6). Bottles may be taken home and returned the weekend of November 5-6.

RTL/LIFESPAN EVENTS:

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children is Saturday, September 14th at 1:00 PM at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy, MI

Walk for Life Sunday September 15 from 2-2:30PM at Sumac Point Pavilion in Hines Park

32nd Annual Life Chain Sunday, October 6 from 2-3:30PM.

MOPS

They currently have 53 Members on the Roster. 3-4 of those are Mentor Moms and unknown of how many are St. Edith Parishioners. Jenn is very excited for this year. The theme this year is *To The Full*. The focus is to find the fun in motherhood. Recently held their Back to MOPS/MOMSNNext Picnic August 25. It was very successful with a couple new moms checking MOPS out in addition to members attending the picnic. First meeting of the year is September 13.

Coming up –First meeting September 13- This is where they will kick off the new theme *To the Full*, October 4- They will be discussing *Find Your People*, the focus will be about female friendships, October 5- is the M2M Sale and they have already sold out the parish hall for tables! October 18- Will be doing a craft.

MOPS is always in need of Mentor Moms; Jenn will write a bulletin article & ask that the need be reflected in Mass announcements in the near future.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

Some activities the K of C has been involved in since the last Christian Service Meeting.

- The Knights cooked hamburgers for the Graduation Mass and reception in June.
- The Knights were scheduled to serve at the St. Christine Soup Kitchen in July. Several Knights and their family's went to volunteer but unfortunately the Soup Kitchen double booked volunteers again. The Soup Kitchen is working on rectifying this ongoing problem.
- Jim Wyzlic has been elected as the Council's Grand Knight.

- The Knights were highly involved in the Parish Picnic, from setting up, to cooking and cleaning up.

Upcoming Activities:

The Knights will Charity Poker Nights on October 9th through 12th at Players Golf & Events Center – 33463 8 Mile Road – Livonia 48152. If this event is successful the Knights hope to have enough money to replace the ovens in the Kitchen.

OUTREACH

Gearing up for Thanksgiving and Christmas Outreach which will be here before we know it!
Sort & Pack for Thanksgiving will be on Thursday, November 21; Delivery on Saturday November 23
Sort & Pack for Christmas will be on Thursday, December 19; delivery on Saturday December 21

A NEW DAWN

Mary Jo Collins represented the group. New Dawn is plugging along but membership is declining. All dues are paid up until the end of the year when the group will more than likely cease to exist as A New Dawn. Talk of having a Senior Group of some kind for the parish was discussed but nothing will be done until after the first of the year to give A New Dawn time to decide what is what. Some discussion among the Commission about a “55 and Up Club” took place; it sounds like a good idea to all and as Mary Jo said “we need to get younger people involved to have a group like that work.”

NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion when the idea of perhaps taking a “break” in July and August for some of the things done in the parish was brought up. Commissions and groups don’t meet during the summer months; at one time and for many years Coffee & Donuts was not held in June-July-August to give the volunteers a break. Perhaps that is worth looking at again if not for Coffee & Donuts perhaps for Pizza & Spaghetti nights in the months of July and August when volunteers are sometimes more difficult to come by? There was more comments about Pizza Night since several people on the Commission are volunteers for Pizza Night. With the July 4th holiday falling on a weekend next year, it will likely be even more difficult when it comes to volunteers. The thought is the people who continually volunteer get a break and everyone comes back refreshed in September. It worked back in the day, it would surely work again. As long as it is advertised that there’s a break for those two months everyone at the table felt it wouldn’t hurt the parish and indeed would help to give the volunteers a break.

The meeting ended with prayer at 8:15PM

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday – November 5 at 7:00

Respectfully submitted by Toni Sheffield