

**Human Concerns Commission Meeting Notes
For February 15, 2021**

Opening Prayer

Present: Joe Bova, Nathaniel Gillon, Rosemary Murphy

Excused: Dana Kleckley

Approval of December 21, 2020 Minutes: by Consensus

1. **Commission Relationships:** Joe Bova will serve as chair pro-temp; Rosemary Murphy will serve as secretary.
2. **Pastoral Council Report:** Pastoral Council Chair Nathaniel Gillon was present and requested HCC's involvement in the Council's effort to assist senior parishioners in reclaiming their spirituality. "What are we offering our senior parishioners? HCC members were invited to explore how the parish can respond to the needs of senior members. The PC will be hosting a parishioner to senior parishioner calling event in March and asked for members' assistance. An orientation session and calling materials will be provided to volunteer callers. The HCC supported the PC's plans and agreed to volunteer
3. **Racial Justice Group:** Joe Bova discussed this item with Father Arthur and has his support in moving forward. There was discussion of inviting members of other parishes; however HCC members agreed that the first group should be composed of All Saints members. Joe will present a detailed plan at the March 2021 meeting.
4. **Reset the Table:** Discussion of the ownership of the course. It was agreed that going forward the *Reset the Table* course is under the auspices of the Archdiocese with support from All Saints.
5. **Black History Month:** Due to changes in the Faith Formation Ministry there was no **formal planning for celebrating BHM 2021. However, as a new ministry director comes on board, 2022 BHM will be discussed with her and with the Faith Formation Commission as to what the parish might consider offering for education and inspiration.**
6. **St. Dominic Parish:** A St. Dominic parishioner called saying that there were several individuals interested in being part of a racial justice discussion group. Rosemary will touch base with the former St. Monica group to see if that multi-parish discussion group would start up again after pandemic restrictions are lifted.
7. **Outreach Office Updates:** Rosemary called for volunteers to assist with filling food boxes on weekdays and with the twice monthly food truck delivery. Help is always needed unloading the truck.
8. **Recruitment of New Members:** Names of possible new parishioner members were identified and Joe and Rosemary agreed to call this parishioner to invite them to membership and gauge their interest the Commission.
9. **2022 Goals are Needed in March**

10. Adjournment: the meeting closed with prayer and the announcement of the next meeting on March 15, 2022. Notes submitted by Rosemary Murphy

Human Concerns Commission
Meeting Notes
November 16, 2020

Present – Joe, Rosemary, Rosalie, Celia, (Michael Adams, guest)

Consensus to approve notes from October, 2020

There was consensus to get a gift card for Fessahaye for his work on Reset the Table. We will all make a contribution and Rosemary will obtain the gift card.

Reset the Table

A recap of the series was provided. There were over 80 registrants. Each session had over 40 people in the large and breakout sessions. The survey monkey evaluations indicated that the program was well received. There were several independent suggestions that were sent to Fessahaye for consideration. His office is working with one of the participants who has a background in organizational management. There were 32 members from All Saints who participated.

Joe sent an email to all who participated seeking those who may want to continue. 12 people responded, two were from All Saints. Tom Kotlarek will be leading this group. They began meeting on December 11. This group is independent of All Saints. Joe asked to inform Fessahaye of this development.

Next two moves/Outreach to Suburban Parishes

Joe discussed proposal to organize an action at All Saints. The 32 members who participated in Reset the Table will be contacted to come up with an action plan for systemic change against racism. The intention is then to align with suburban parishes around their action plan.

Joe asked to draft a flyer outlining a statement regarding the proposal for institutional change. The updated proposal to be reviewed at the December meeting. It was discussed that All Saints would first organize its efforts at institutional change before reaching out to others.

Outreach Office

- Food pantry still operating. Distributions will continue in parking lot until May, 2021.
- Christmas event can't be held this year due to the pandemic.
- The church is fundraising for a van. Fr. Arthur has made the request. The church is looking for a cargo van. There are three entities interested in contributing toward a van.
- Rosemary is working on a virtual prayer event for December 17 with Holy Apostles. The emphasis will be on Antiphons related to social justice. More information later.
- The office is distributing turkeys and gift cards for Thanksgiving. Parishioners are asked to contribute what they can.

New items

HCC members to identify 2-3 people interested in serving on commission.

Next meeting – December 14, 2020

Human Concerns Commission
Meeting Notes
October 26, 2020

Present: Rosemary, Joe, Rosalie and Celia

Minutes

Minutes from August and September, 2020 approved by consensus.

PowerPoint of Fr. Bryan Massingale ok to put on All Saints website, along with other links regarding election. Celia to forward to Julie.

Reset the Table

Joe gave a synopsis of series. Approximately 87 people signed up from 19 parishes, including a few people from other denominations. Survey to be sent out to participants to receive feedback.

Fourth and final session will be on racism and Catholic Church.

Long discussion on next steps. Joe presented a proposal to find out who is interested in continuing. He suggested four dates, November 11 and 18, and December 2 and 9. The sessions would follow the same format with reference to some of the earlier readings and small group discussions. People would be asked if they are willing to host a Zoom meeting for the small groups.

Upon inquiry, Joe indicated that he and Tom Kotlarek would facilitate the follow up groups. With this plan, the Human Concerns Commission's work would be complete with Reset the Table and the sessions would operate independently.

After discussion, the HCC agreed to go in the direction described above.

There was also discussion about Stand Against Racism which is a project of St. Sebastian's and St. Catherine's. We discussed whether to operate like an affiliate with our action plan. It was decided we would maintain the name Reset the Table so that there would not be any confusion.

There was discussion on forming an action group at All Saints. There will need to be at least five people to start a group. An invitation would also go out to participants to see if other parishes would like to start a group. This item has been tabled for further discussion. It was agreed that we should see who wants to continue and then decide from there on next steps.

Outreach to suburban parishes tabled until November meeting.

It was acknowledged that this was a good program and that it was well received. The details and process need to be more developed so that it runs more seamlessly. Fessahaye hopes to have it available for parishes to use in the future. We are all very grateful for Fessahaye's time and expertise in helping to move this idea forward.



Outreach Office

Meal program delayed until the end of January, 2021. There is discussion that it may be discontinued due to lack of resources.

The pantry will continue to operate from the church parking lot until May, 2021 due to covid-19.

There will not be any food boxes for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Discussion on giving out turkeys for Thanksgiving and hams for Christmas. Suggestion made to give out gift cards instead. We agree that gift cards are more viable. Rosemary to connect with Julie to make a request of parishioners to give gift cards instead of bringing turkeys and hams.

There is a plan to have a virtual Vespers on December 17, 2020 with Holy Apostles Parish.

Co-chair Commission

Celia provided update that the CCC sent a recommendation to the Parish Council to hire someone to do the cleaning in church and to incorporate a newsletter to keep parishioners informed. Both items are being considered by the Parish Council. There was also discussion that the bulletin may be coming back online. No discussion about how to reach parishioners who don't have access to the internet.

Rosalie requested that the Parish Council minutes be posted on the website. Celia will forward that request.

News/Announcements

Celia announced that she will be stepping off of the HCC by the end of 2020. More discussion will be needed to talk about a chair and increasing membership. Celia will notify Fr. Arthur, Nathaniel and Sandra.

Next meeting – November 16, 200

Human Concerns Commission
Meeting notes
September 21, 2020

Present: Celia, Joe

No quorum to do a consensus on previous minutes

Voter education

Celia gave update on mailing which went out to all parishioners. Information is also on Facebook and website.

Reset the Table

- 27 people registered; 78 visited the site
- Joe to follow up with Julie regarding sending out a weekly notice and reminder
- Pilot project now includes All Saints, St. Martin de Porres and St. Francis. Fessahaye sent information to Fr. Mike at St. Francis
- Celia to follow up with Rosemary about contacting Human Concerns commissions of some of the suburban parishes; St. Joe's/Grafton, St. Monica's, Holy Apostles, St. Dominic's
- Registrants to be sent to Joe who will create groups of 6
- Fessahaye will introduce the series; Joe will provide some of the background
- Breakouts will follow; each group to select a facilitator
- We will need to do a practice run before the first session; will contact Fessahaye
- Celia to check with Rosemary about whether church has Zoom for system change activities; if not, we will inquire if HCC can get one for the next year; cost is \$158
- We will need a point person to lead the systemic change action; Joe has volunteered to be that person
- Celia agreed to do an opening prayer for the sessions

Next meeting – October 19, 2020