

March 2024 Outreach Commission meeting was held in the IHM Library on 3/19/24. This was IHM Spring Break, which prevented several from attending.

Attending: Jane Hellmann-Otto (SVDP), Allison Gardner (Cathedral Soup Kitchen), Scott Lowe (Transformational Outreach and Interim leader), Ed Spahr (Incoming Outreach Leader), Mary McClelland (Caring Community), Paula Ruppert (Parish Council contact for Outreach), Mary Daugherty (Respect Life)

RSVP Not available: Trinda Metzger (Boulevard Pantry), Lenore Schmitz (School Outreach), Matt Tuschong (Service Saturdays and Fish Fry leader), Kathy O'Neil (Honduras), Dave Stuhldreyer (Men's Group/St. Anthony School), Jennifer Gause (Christmas Giving Tree).

Agenda:

1. Opening prayer
2. Ministry updates and any support needed
3. Budget review
4. Outreach Events Update
 1. Learning and actions needed from Outreach presence at IHM Fish Fry (March 8)
 2. Outreach hosting Second Saturday on April 13
 3. Outreach at IHM Newcomers Event (scheduled April 21 after 11:15 Mass.
 4. Outreach host of Stations of the Cross on March 1

Ministry Updates:

Mary M on Caring Community - Confirmation candidates deliver poinsettias around Christmas time. This helps keep the older people in the parish involved. This ministry has also had volunteers for a Caring Place (on Illinois Street). They often make a donation to Caring Place at the end of the fiscal year.

Mary D on Respect Life - A lot of donation collection work over the years, especially for Birth Line. Birth Line has now been added to Giving Tree at Christmas time, which has resulted in a great donations increase. The crib in the back vestibule is also great to collect donations all year long. Her leftover budget at end of FY generally gets divided between Birth Line and Women's Care Center.

Allison on Cathedral Soup Kitchen - IHM volunteers includes some new faces. They are in good shape as far as IHM volunteers. They use a sign-up genius to get people and all the dates for the year are listed.

Jane on SVDP - they recently did a donut thank you for all the parish support for SVDP. Changing Lives Forever did not have enough people commit to the program so the spring session was postponed until the Fall. There is a high need for volunteers during the week at the 30th Street Food Pantry, especially Thursday night. Help is needed there every day except Monday. There are other SVDP volunteer needs on the Indy SVDP web site.

Scott updated on Transformational outreach – The IHM Transformational Outreach ministry has evolved to a focus on support of the Martin Luther King Community Center at 40th and Illinois. This is the neighborhood community center associated with IHM and the Meridian Kessler neighborhood. Butler Tarkenton, Crown Hill, and Mapleton-Fall Creek are the other neighborhoods serviced by the MLK Center. Scott and John Creamer of IHM are members of a coalition of churches called the “Lay Clergy Team” supporting the MLK Center. That churches team has recently selected the issue of housing (affordable housing, evictions, etc.) as its focus topic, at the request of the MLK Center’s leadership team. Scott, John, and others will be working in the coming months to bring more awareness education on housing to IHM parishioners. The Ash Wednesday Soup Supper talk about evictions by Rabbi Aaron Spiegel was also a part of this educational work. IHM has others who volunteer at the MLK also. See the MLK Center’s web site for more information about ways to support.

Ministry updates received via email:

Men's Group/St. Anthony (Dave Stuhldreher)

Scott, our ministry is proceeding nicely at St. Anthony’s. I now have 7 tutors who are there weekly. We’ve also provided for various material requests, the largest and most recent is this supply bin to be used for their expanding robotics program. As we wind down the year, we’ll bring lunch for the Staff on Teacher Appreciation day. We’ll provide 2 -\$500 scholarship awards to the 2 top 8th graders who actively demonstrate academic performance and living their Catholic faith. We will also do our major year end event in providing lunch to the entire student body and staff at their Field Day.

Also, the Men's Group conducted its annual fish fry on March 8 to support St. Anthony. The event was successful and a great parish social event, as usual. Amount netted for St. Anthony: About \$2300

Dave Stuhldreher

Advent Giving Tree (Jennifer Gause)

Advent giving tree went wonderful again-parish support was best we’ve had for years. We supported St Anthony’s-2 gifts each child and Homy angels-one gift plus additional items for their school needs.
We also supported Birthline.

We have \$ to still spend I’m sure-will get with Jen.
Jennifer Gause

Anna's House (Chris Hutson)

The Lord's Pantry at Anna's House has expanded to allow anyone that wants food to come on Saturday. It is still a drive-thru for now. We are averaging about 250 vehicles per Saturday. The line opens about 9:45 am and completes by noonish, followed by clean up.

The 8th grade IHM Spaghetti dinner was a huge success, but I have not heard the final donation amount. The kids and parents did a great job. Afterwards, donated pasta, sauce, water, and desserts were packed up in my car. I delivered it to Anna's House the following day. Julie and Leticia say thank you.

I have Anna's House expenses to submit which will be done by Monday.

A few folks have inquired about joining one of our open team slots, we could use 2 or 3 more families as people retire.

Peace, Chris Hutson

Honduras update (Kathy O'Neil):

IHM will send a team of 12 people to Honduras on July 1. This is a combined trip of Youth (high school rising Seniors) and Young Adults (who have been to Honduras before). We will probably do a makeover on one of the children's homes, a food brigade, and lead parties or social events for all the kids. Kathy will be in Honduras April 18-22 for meetings with the administration of Sister Maria Rosa's organization and other North American group leaders.

Kathy

Budget review – We did not do a budget review at the meeting, but the latest Outreach budget is attached. Thanks to Anna Harvey for the update!

Outreach Events

1. Learning and actions needed from Outreach presence at IHM Fish Fry (March 8). Scott and Jane were at the Outreach table at the Fish Fry and Matt T put together the video and the signage. Activity at the table was light, but some brochures were taken.
2. Outreach hosting Second Saturday on April 13
 1. Ellie Dedinski/FLFFC is owner of this event. Ed will contact her to find out what we need to do/bring.
 2. Please try to come to this event and help us host and meet new people
3. Outreach at IHM Newcomers Event (scheduled April 21 after 11:15 Mass). FLFFC is also the sponsor of this event, so Ed will also find out more about it when he talks with Ellie.
4. Thanks to those who were present for Outreach host of Stations of the Cross on March 1: Scott Lowe, Ed Spahr, Kathy O'Neil, Jane Hellmann-Otto, Mary Daugherty, and thanks to Ute to holding the cross for us!