

ST. MARY'S WOMEN'S CLUB  
Wednesday, January 10, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

**IMPORTANT NOTE #1: February's meeting is supposed to be February 14, but that is also Ash Wednesday, so the group decided to move our meeting to February 7.**

**IMPORTANT NOTE #2: In the future, if St. Mary's School is closed, the women's club meeting is cancelled.**

Despite the snow, twenty-one members attended the meeting!

Trish welcomed everyone then we all recited the opening prayer.

Our speaker from iMove, Mike Baird, had to cancel because he had 2 fallen trees in his yard, no power, and couldn't get out of his neighborhood. We will invite him back to a future meeting.

The delicious desserts were provided by Mary Lou Bryant, Marie Huyge, and Terri Creeden. Thank you very much!

We welcomed one new member, Terri Creeden.

We received thank you notes for monetary gifts given to Jennifer Grossman, Mary Reck, and Sharon Vink.

#### December Luncheon

Trish asked for feedback on our Christmas Luncheon. Thirty-seven ladies attended. Most were happy with the restaurant, the private room, and gift exchange. There was one request to change the gift exchange so that if you picked a present, you could keep it without it being "stolen" from you.

Trish expressed sincere thanks to all those who participated in Dorothy Raha's funeral and wonderful luncheon. It was a beautiful day, and the family was particularly touched by the large number of club members who participated as the Honor Guard. I think there were 30-35 of us present.

#### Honor Guard

We notified the members of the Honor Guard via an email. Bonnie asked the group if they were satisfied with this method of notification or would they prefer the telephone calls that have been used in the past. The group was happy with the email.

Also, with regard to Honor Guard, it was recommended that we contact Father to request that he add a question to the funeral checklist that asks if the deceased was a women's club member and, if so, do they want Honor Guard.

#### Cookie Sale Recap

Lynn Rigoli reported on the success of December's cookie sale. We collected about 182 dozen cookies and made a profit of \$1,332 -- \$505 from the 4:30 mass; \$556 from 9:00; and \$271 from 11:00. The overall profit was better than last year even though we had more cookies left over. The remaining cookies were given to the Bible Study class, the Faith

Formation classes, Harbor Hall, and volunteers at the food pantry. We gave Lynn a round of applause for her leadership of the sale.

Also, Lynn asked the group to approve the purchase of scales (< \$100) for future cookie sales. Lynn McMaster moved to allow Lynn to purchase whatever scales she deems best; Michele Polich seconded; motion carried.

#### Treasurer's Report

Lynn listed recent expenses and reported that our checkbook balance is \$7,621 and our diocese account balance is approximately \$8,084. The group also approved a prayer card to be sent to Val Reyes on her 100th birthday and a mass card for Dorothy Raha – Linda Doublestein moved to approve; Lynn McMaster seconded; motion carried.

Our club typically funds the purchase of communion wafers but was recently asked about funding the purchase of communion wine. This is a big expense – more than \$1,200. Lynn declined for our club and replied that we haven't been responsible for the wine in the past. At the meeting, it was suggested that we look at our available funds and let the church office know how we could help with the purchase of wine – perhaps allocating \$TBD per quarter.

Many of our members have St. Mary's Women's Club pins and medals. Many more members asked if they could get a set. Trish is investigating where we can get them at a reasonable cost. She is also considering the purchase of black ribbons that could be worn when we're doing an Honor Guard.

#### Programming

Bonnie Glavich discussed plans for our February meeting. February's meeting is scheduled for February 14, but this is also Ash Wednesday. The group was asked if we should move it and, if so, to February 7 or February 13? Mary Lou Bryant moved to change the date to February 7; Sharon Hudson seconded; motion carried.

Assuming we get Mueril Tuggle's OK on the date, we will be meeting at her house. She will give us a tour of her home, which is the oldest house on Spring Lake. We'll also plan for a chocolate celebration as our treat that day.

Other programming ideas were:

Re-schedule Mike Baird from iMove for our March meeting.

Tour of Hackley Library in Muskegon.

Speaker on skin cancer to recognize May as National Skin Cancer Awareness month.

Speaker or tour of the Children's Advocacy Center.

Visit the Garsnett Beacon Candle Company on Washington Avenue in Grand Haven for candle making.

Invite Bekins for a cooking class.

Line dancing with Grace Stanton.

Visit a tearoom. There is one in Spring Lake and one in Grand Rapids.

Thank you to those who donated feminine products!

Submitted by  
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