

ST. MARY'S WOMEN'S CLUB
Wednesday, May 8, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

Trish welcomed everyone and recognized visitors and birthdays. Welcome to first-time guests Michelle Rison, Margaret Scott, Kay Johnson, and Kathleen Despres.

We had good attendance, approximately 45-50 ladies.

The delicious desserts were provided by Ann Fortenbacher, Bonnie Schmidt, Debbie Taetsch, Trish Ostberg, Lynn Palarz, and Cynthia Caulfield. Thank you very much!

Program – Our speaker was Julia Rooke, our new Christian Service Director. She spoke about her mission at the Food Pantry and how it “fills a hole” in everyone who works there by doing God’s work. It “keeps indifference away” too. She told a few real-life stories and expressed gratitude for such a supportive parish. She mentioned a book loved by her and Father Bill: Searching for and Maintaining Peace by Jacques Philippe.

TREASURY REPORT – Lynn Rigoli

Lynn presented a detailed report of income and expenses for the period July 23, 2023, to today’s date. Income totaled \$6,058 from dues (\$1,515), the 2023 cookie sale (\$1,383), and the 2023 quilt sale (\$3,160). Expenses totaled \$3,054 from a category called “Affiliated Organizational Expenses” that included our club’s gifts, pantry donations, speaker payments, and food. Our profit for this time period was \$3,004. She emphasized that our income from our fundraisers may be declining. Also, we know we will have increased expenses for altar needs next year. Our checking account balance as of 4/12/24 is \$6,806; our diocese account balance is \$8,186.

PROGRAMS – Bonnie Glavich

The April 10th outing to Hackley Library and Torrent House was a success. Those participating (about 25 members) thought it was a great tour and lunch. The club donated \$100 to the Torrent House.

The group commended Bonnie for what a wonderful job she has been doing with our programs and outings.

The June 12th potluck lunch has been changed. Jackie Koehler-Berry motioned to make it a pizza, salad, and ice cream lunch with each participant paying \$5; Michele Polich seconded; motion carried. The lunch will be held at Mueril Tuggle’s house.

Bonnie is always open to suggestions for future programs and outings. One suggestion at the meeting was to get Kathy Struve to speak about her recent mission trip.

NEW BUSINESS

Quilt Raffle – Deb Taetsch announced that this year’s raffle will have two quilts – one that was donated by Alicia Gilewski (now deceased) and one created by the quilting group. The group is trying to do an accurate accounting of expenses for the quilts so that we can ensure that the raffle income is exceeding costs. Debbie will bring this year’s quilts to the June lunch for all to see. At that time, she will be asking for people to sign-up to help sell

tickets before and after masses in the weeks prior to the parish festival. The raffle tickets sent to club members will be in envelopes for pick-up at the June lunch. After that, they will be available for pick-up in the gathering space at church.

Pentecost Party - At our March meeting, we agreed to support the parish Pentecost Party that is being planned for RCIA graduates. It will be on May 19th after the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. masses. Our club will provide the baked goods – breads, muffins, and bars. Sign-up sheets were circulated at the meeting.

Election of Officers for 2024-25 – Trish announced that the two-year terms of the club officers are up in June. She noted that the current officers are willing to remain in their positions for another term but encouraged nominations of new people. Lynn McMaster moved that the club support another term for the existing officers; Linda Doublestein seconded; motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Long-time parishioner and club-member Rita Milas has died. Gloria Price will send her a \$10 mass card, and the club will provide Honor Guard at her funeral on May 31 at 11 a.m. Please mark your calendars.

We send our deepest sympathies to Pauline Yount on the loss of her husband Dick. His funeral is on Saturday, May 11, at 11 a.m. There will be a funeral lunch for approximately 150 people. If you can help with food or work that day, please let Mueril Tuggle know (616 402-1147).

Sharon Hudson asked if we could get a microphone for our meetings. Trish said we tried it once but had some difficulty with the sound system. She said we would try it again at our meeting in September.

Thank you to those who donated feminine hygiene products!

Submitted by
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