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ST. MARY'S WOMEN'S CLUB
Wednesday, November 13, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

Trish welcomed everyone, and Mary Pat led us in an opening prayer. We recognized anniversaries, birthdays, and special events.

Meeting attendance was good, approximately 40 ladies.

Trish recognized the club members who support St. Mary's Mom's Room for all the wonderful work that they do. There was a nice article in the November 3rd church bulletin that enumerated their accomplishments and announced that the Mom's Room was awarded a \$4,000 grant from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Great job, ladies!

Volunteers needed for coffee & donuts after masses. If you have any interest in helping, let Trish know.

Marilyn distributed membership rosters to all those present. Everyone was encouraged to make sure their information is correct and complete. We have 119 members this year.

Father Bill has let us know that altar needs include charcoal, incense, candles, and wine. Our club will support the purchase of these items as much as possible.

Again this year, we will give Christmas gifts to the parish staff. Cathy Kennedy motioned, Helen Alberts seconded, and the motion carried for the following gifts: Father Bill (\$200), Father Ken (\$100), \$25 each for Mary Reck, Bill Sibila, Jennifer Grossman, and Garret Kelenske.

The group also wanted to donate to Christian Services. Cynthia Caulfield moved that we donate \$400. Kathy Jeske seconded, and the motion carried.

The Quilt Group made 262 beautiful Christmas ornaments that will be donated to St. Mary's Food Pantry to be included in the Christmas food baskets. Debbie brought in several examples of the ornaments for all to see.

Once again, we will have our Christmas Cookie fundraiser. The dates are Saturday, December 14, and Sunday, December 15. Lynn will lead this effort again, and she circulated sign-up sheets to ask for help with the sale before and after masses that weekend. All are encouraged to help bake cookies (3 dozen if possible) which can be dropped off Friday between noon and 2 p.m. and Saturday between 9 a.m. and noon. The price of the cookies will remain at \$8/pound.

After some discussion, it was decided that our Christmas luncheon will be at the Stable Inn on Wednesday, December 11, at 1 p.m. There will be a gift exchange with a \$10 limit on gift value. Each person will order from the menu and handle their own lunch cost.

Treasurer's report – Lynn Rigoli reported that our club checkbook balance is \$11,313; our diocesan balance is \$8,306.

Cards sent from the club – none recently

Thank you to those who donated toiletries for the food pantry!

Delicious refreshments were provided by Ann Fortenbacher, Marie Huyge, Sandy Mercurio, Linda Doublestein, and Cynthis Caulfield. Thank you!

Those present broke into tables of 4 and learned how to play Bunco! 28 ladies participated and all (I hope!) agreed that it was lots of fun. There were comments that it was also a good mixer in that your table partners changed with every round. Our two winners (high score and low score) each won \$15!

Submitted by
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St. Mary's Women's Club