

ST. JOSEPH/PIERZ CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/WOMEN MEETING

October 3, 2018

Michelle Litke, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., opening with The Mission Prayer. Thirteen members were present. The president read the article titled Babies Grown Up, reminding us of the impact we make on children and what they remember of their faith experiences and their church community.

The July meeting minutes were presented by Secretary, Nita Hayes. Marilyn Lashinski made a motion to accept the minutes, Pam Evans seconded the motion and minutes were approved.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed by Becky Przybilla. The Checking Balance is \$2,911.37, but dues have not yet been paid forward. In August, the Octoberfest Pie Booth brought in a net profit of \$789.28. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Jan Dahmen with a second by Rachel Young, and was approved.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

A Hail Mary was prayed by members for each Commission, with special intentions noted in parentheses: Church Commission Family Concerns, Legislative (for good turnout at the mid-term election November 6th. International Concerns (for the people impacted by the tsunami and volcanic eruption in Indonesia.) Organization Services, Community Concerns & Rural Life

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Rosary - Elvira Stumpf commented on the need for CM/W to sit together to show our presence at parish funeral masses, whenever the CM/W Banner is on display. Nita Hayes noted the funeral practice re-instated to have CM/W in procession prior to family leaving the church for deceased CM/W members. This was done for Wilma Kipley's mass.

Prayer Line – Karen Gross reported on the numerous prayer requests noted, since our July meeting. Thank you for your prayers.

OLD BUSINESS:

Villa Birthday Bingo Marilyn Lashinski reported on the event held on Friday, July 20th at 1:00 p.m.

DCCW Annual Conference was held in Battle Lake, MN at Our Lady of the Lake church on Saturday, September 15th. The theme was *Reflecting God's Joy* and songs at the mass were related to this theme. Bishop Donald Kettler presided and installed new officers including Father Laurn Virnig, whom is to minister for the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Nita Hayes reported on the keynote speaker, Terri Forliti, from *Breaking Free*, an organization that helps women and children rescued from human trafficking in Minnesota. Marilyn Lashinski reported on the afternoon speaker, Deacon Craig Stich, regarding his journey to becoming a deacon in mid-life and how the Holy Spirit called him to serve. Nita Hayes was approached by Darlene Nix, our next President of the Little Falls Deanery, to Chair the Family Concerns Commission for the upcoming term, and accepted.

Summer Brat Sale Nita Hayes, Jan Kimman and Michelle Litke (and her daughter) helped cover a double shift on July 13th, at Coburns; proceeds went to the Little Falls Deanery.

Octoberfest Pie Booth A special thank you to Jan Dahmen, Eileen Pohlkamp and Jo Loidolt, the pie booth leads, as well as the *many* women that have volunteered, year over year! This is our number one fund raiser, and your work is most appreciated, that we can continue to support the many donation requests that we receive each year. This money goes back, directly to our church community.

NEW BUSINESS:

Patriotic Rosary The October rosary will be Monday, October 15th at 9 a.m. at St. Joseph's and November's will be said the day before the fall election, on Monday November 5th.

Adoration on Election Day November 6th, from 8a -8p.m. at St. Michael's in Buckman. Need to fill slots, so sign up for a time, if able. Sheet posted at Buckman Church or contact Patty Cummerford. 468-2487.

A Donation to Holy Trinity for shirts for liturgy, are being funded by Buckman CM/W. We decided to put the request to donate on hold at this time, until we have identified increased revenues to offset this expense.

Parish Mission is scheduled for the week of January 13 – 17th. Watch Bulletin for further details of event.

Election of Officers to be installed in January 2019. Rachel Young nominated Barb Zajac for V.P., seconded by Michelle Litke; Marylin Lashinski nominated Nita Hayes for Secretary, seconded by Eileen Pohlkamp. Both were unanimously approved by members.

Holy Trinity Event Pierz CM/W confraternity will again do the 6th Grade graduation gift for students.

Quilt Bingo Pierz CM/W have been asked to assume the lead on this fund raising event, beginning October 28th, . We will receive \$500 a year for coordinating this event. Rachel Young proposed to take it over on a trial basis and this was seconded by Marylin Lashinski. Michelle Litke agreed to be the lead on this project.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oasis Share-A-Meal will be sponsored by our group on November 1st, Marylin Lashinski, Nita Hayes and Becky Przybilla are preparing the meal. Thanks to the volunteers signed up to serve the food. Not too late to participate; contact Marylin.

The Little Falls Deanery Meeting will be October 20th, Saturday in Gilman. Look for flyers on church doors if interested in attending.

St. Cloud Diocesan Board Meeting October 17th, from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Pierz CM/W will host the meeting, providing coffee, donuts and lunch. Pam Evans, Nita Hayes and Marylin Lashinski will serve board members at the Buckman/ St. Michael's Hall, in cooperation with the Buckman CM/W.

Fellowship - The first event is sponsored by the CM/W to prep, greet and serve, after Sunday's mass on October 21st. Fellowship events are times to connect with church members, with coffee and donuts.

Boxes of Joy Deliver your Boxes back to the parish office by November 1st. When picking up Boxes there are handouts to inform you on what to pack and what not to include. Also, mailing envelopes are available for cash donations only, if you would prefer to do that, instead of boxes.

Act-Oberfest on October 14th will be held at the Community Center in Freeport. Proceeds go to the St. Cloud diocesan educational programs. Our parish is a member of and benefits from this.

Next meeting- Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.** with induction of officers. Following the meeting, we will join the Knights of Columbus at 7:30 p.m. for mass. Treats by Nita.

Adjournment: Rachel Young motioned, seconded by Barb Zajac to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.