

ST. JOSEPH/PIERZ CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/WOMEN MEETING

April 11, 2018

Michelle Litke, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., with Salad Supper prior to the meeting. Twenty members were present. All joined in the Prayer of Discipleship from *Our Sunday Visitor* prayer cards.

The January meeting minutes were reviewed by Secretary, Nita Hayes. Marylin Lashinski made a motion to accept the minutes with spelling corrections of names, and Barb Zajac seconded the motion and was approved.

The Treasurer's report was read by Becky Przybilla and she reviewed the past 3 year budget summary. The Checking Balance is \$3,192.89. Nita Hayes made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded by Margaret Albright and approved.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Church Commission Family Concerns Legislative International Concerns Organization Services Community Concerns & Rural Life. All members are asked to contribute on recent updates, as applicable. Nita Hayes summarized the key topics in Our Voice newsletter from March, 2018. This most notably referenced the *Family Concerns* report about the role of Grandparents in mentoring grandchildren's faith.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Rosary - Elvira Stumpf leads this committee. Marylin Lashinski will notify the Secretary to send out an e-mail to members, whenever a request is made for a parish funeral rosary. An inquiry was made to reinstate the past practice by Christian Mothers (wearing their CM/W pins) to promenade ahead of the family and casket at a CM/W member's funeral. This practice and that of funeral rosaries, seems to have gotten lost in recent years. Officers agreed to bring this up at the July meeting, with a 'Funeral Request Form' that members can complete individually, to express one's preferences for their own funeral protocols and to assist their family members in honoring their wishes.

Prayer Line - Karen Gross can be reached at 468-6818 for prayer requests. Members discussed that family or individual should authorize or initiate the prayer request. This will occasionally be included in the parish bulletin, as a reminder that it is available to those most in need of prayers.

OLD BUSINESS:

Funeral Salads and Bars A list was passed around by Marylin Lashinski for new contacts and the list will be updated. You will not be called every time, as we will rotate who is called and with many names, you will just be called occasionally.

Thanks for Bars and Cookies to all members that baked them for the Nic Davidson Speaker night and for the St. Joseph's Raffle. Those events were just days apart, so Thank You!

May Crowning – is Mother's Day weekend, Saturday, May 12th prior to the 4:30 Mass. Brenda Procott is coordinating, and Becky Przybilla's family will crown this year. Available Officers will take up the gifts. Birth line will sell carnations again on Mother's Day weekend, after mass.

Baccalaureate on May 20th is held the Sunday before graduation. Joel Poland (High School Band Director) will be the guest speaker and Jean Flicker will cook. A sign-up sheet went around for those able to help with this. The High School Juniors and their parents will help with decorations and serving. Michelle Litke, will coordinate the volunteers and the event.

Financial The confraternity's annual expenses average \$2528 and Revenues \$2,086., in analyzing the last three-year finances. Our expenses average \$442 over revenues. To offset this deficit, there may be a fundraiser about every three to four years, possibly doing a bake-less bake sale or a similar event, to supplement revenues.

CM/W Annual Newsletter This insert is in the church bulletin April 14 – 15. There are so many important contributions made to the church community, by the Pierz Christian Mothers and Women!

NEW BUSINESS:

New Members At the start of the meeting, new members were inducted into the confraternity of Pierz CM/W. New members include the following: Rebecca Kapsner, Maria Andrea, Taylor Biermaier, Jody Bridewell, and Maryrose Knutson. Welcome!

Recognitions Forty-Year Member pins will be presented to Carol Mauer and Toots Przybilla. Margaret Faust was recognized with a live plant and accolades for her numerous years of service as head cook for our annual sponsorship of the Oasis Share-A-Meal program.

Oasis Share-A-Meal Margaret Faust asked for someone to prayerfully consider taking over the cook's role for this rewarding event. Marylin Lashinski volunteered to take it, with Becky Przybilla's and Nita Hayes' offers to support her with this event. She has volunteered many years at Oasis, which feeds the poor and hungry every Thursday in Little Falls. There are many single Moms and children that benefit from this program. We typically sign up for a date in fall. More information is pending on sign-up for servers, once we select a date.

Adoration Chapel Folding Chairs Two of our donated folding chairs were replaced by a donor and folding chairs will be donated back to an interested member, as they are over 15 years old. All agreed to this option.

Summer Festival A motion was made by Marylin Lashinski and seconded by Mary Kimman to donate \$50 to the church Summer Festival. This was unanimously approved.

Dues verses Donations After discussion, a motion was made by Pam Evans to treat all excess funds submitted with dues as a donation, unless the member stipulates it is for *future* dues. Many times members send in either *past* dues or a donation. The motion was seconded by Jackie Priemesberger and approved unanimously.

Reimbursement for Events Upon request, CM/W will consider individual requests to pay for member attendance of events such as Fun, Food and Fund Day or Conferences. A Schedule of Events was distributed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Villa Birthday Bingo will be on Friday, July 20th at 1:00 p.m. A volunteer sign-up sheet was sent around. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Marylin Lashinski.

Fun, Food, Fund Day is on Thursday, June 14th at St. Louis Church, Paynesville.

Rural Life Celebration in August; we are requested to bring 400 cookies. Sign-up sheet at July's meeting.

Fellowship after Sunday mass monthly, with coffee and donuts; This is being considered and was well received by members present. Kathy Etzl suggested that varied groups such as Christian Mothers/Women, K of C, and others take turns sponsoring Fellowship, with free will donations to cover the cost.

Next meeting- Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, July 11th at 6:30 p.m.** Pam Evans will bring treats.

Adjournment: Barb Zajac motioned, seconded by Jackie Preimesberger to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.