

ST. JOSEPH/PIERZ CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/WOMEN MEETING

July 11, 2018

Michelle Litke, President, called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m., opening with a prayer. Sixteen members were present, and one guest.

The April meeting minutes were reviewed by Secretary, Nita Hayes. Barb Zajac made a motion to accept the minutes, Marylin Lashinski seconded the motion and minutes were approved.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Becky Przybilla and she reviewed the past 3 year budget summary. The Checking Balance is \$2,433.68. Nita Hayes made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, was seconded by Jackie Preimesberger, 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 (for work done to honor the Christ Child in collection of baby items at Christmas and Holy Water at Easter) Legislative (for good turnout at Primary election August 14th and for collaboration of all legislators to get their work done) International Concerns (with thanks for the rescue of the Thailand boys stuck in the cave and for the one SEAL who lost his life in attempting their rescue) Organization Services (for the Rural Life Celebration on August 12th) Community Concerns & Rural Life (for the recovery of Derek Marshik from his accident over the weekend).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Rosary - Elvira Stumpf leads this committee. Our Secretary will send out an e-mail to members whenever a request is made for a parish funeral rosary and members without e-mail can be made aware through the local radio obituary notices. There were two funeral rosaries since our last meeting, which were well attended.

Prayer Line - There were fifteen prayer requests made, since our April meeting. Thank you for your prayers.

OLD BUSINESS:

Baccalaureate breakfast was held on May 20th. Joel Poland (High School Band Director) was the guest speaker and Jean Flicker cooked. Michelle Litke coordinated the volunteers and the event, which was a great success. This year there was a larger group of graduates from our parish. Gifts to graduates included crucifix clips for their car visor and a poem bookmark with a 'graduation cap' pin attached.

May Crowning was Mother's Day weekend, Becky Przybilla's family crowned Mary this year and Officers took up the gifts.

Donations were made to the parish Festival grand raffle \$50.00, and \$42.50 to Holy Trinity for 6th grade graduation gifts.

Dues versus Donations All excess funds submitted with dues will be treated as a donation, unless the member stipulates it is for *future* dues. This will be noted in the Bulletin prior to our next dues in January 2019. Delinquent members may contact Becky Przybilla at 468-2622, to submit late dues, if they have not paid them.

NEW BUSINESS:

Oasis Share-A-Meal will be sponsored by our group on November 1st, with Marylin Lashinski, Nita Hayes and Becky Przybilla preparing the meal. Volunteers are needed to serve the food and may sign up by contact one of us. We will ask again at the October meeting; we need a few more helpers!

Requests for Donations were presented. Pam Evans made a motion to donate \$100 for the Holy Trinity Steak and Wine Dinner, and was seconded by Rachel Young. Mary Voight made a motion to donate \$100 to the Holy Trinity Marathon and was seconded by Marilyn Lashinski. Both motions were unanimously approved.

Fun, Food, Fund Day was on Thursday, June 14th at St. Louis Church, Paynesville. Marilyn Lashinski, Nita Hayes and Eileen Polkamp attended. The theme was ‘Angels among Us’.

The Little Falls Deanery Meeting held in May was attended by Marilyn. She reported the guest speakers, Victor Welle and his wife share their work with the REC program, reaching out to individuals in Morrison County jails and in the St. Cloud prison. There are many volunteers that are God’s disciples through REC.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Rural Life Celebration for our parish is on August 12th; Christisn Women were asked to bring 34 dozen cookies. A Sign-up sheet was sent around. We also need many volunteers for this event.

Fellowship after Sunday mass with coffee and donuts; Members discussed possibly doing the first one this fall, to see how well it is attended. There was expressed interest in supporting Fellowship events.

Boxes of Joy – This year, Patty Cummerford will chair the project for the Little Falls Deanery. Boxes will be available and distributed by the October meeting. A sign up sheet was sent around, and it is not too late to participate in making Christmas Boxes for children living in poverty. Watch the Bulletin and check the website crosscatholic.org/BoxofJoy for additional information.

Patriotic Rosary Christian Mothers/Women will lead the 4th decade of the rosary at St. Joseph’s church, on September 11th, @ 12:45 p.m., in conjuncture with other groups, including Holy Trinity students leading the last decade. This is a beautiful event and you are *strongly* encouraged to participate. Our members sit together in church for the Rosary. Please mark your calendars!

Octoberfest Pie Booth sign up sheets were sent around; We need more volunteers. Contact Eileen Pohlkamp (320) 468-2434 for pie making at 8:00 a.m., on Saturday, August 25th at church basement, [bring a rolling pin!] and contact Jo Loidolt (320) 468-2533 to help with a shift at the pie booth at the park, on Sunday, August 26th.

DCCW Annual Conference (Diocesan Council of Catholic Women) will be held in Battle Lake, MN at Our Lady of the Lake church on Saturday, September 15th. <https://stcloudccw.weebly.com>

DCCW Board Meeting will be held at either Pierz Parish Office or the Buckman Hall, on Wednesday, October 17th, from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Nita Hayes, Pam Evans and Marilyn Lashinski will work with the Buckman CM/W; that being the preferred site for serving muffins, coffee juice and a light lunch to about 17.

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 members of and benefits from this.

Next meeting- Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, October 3 at 6:30 p.m.** at the parish office. Michelle Litke and Elvira Stumpf will bring treats.

Adjournment: Carol Zimmerman motioned, seconded by Jan Kimman to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.