

# ST. WILLIAM WOMEN'S GUILD

NOVEMBER 4, 2020

President Linda Horm called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm, welcomed and thanked everyone for their presence. Twenty-one members were present, including the officers. President Horm led the opening prayer, and then thanked our hostess committee: Christine DePascale, Patty Augustinsky, Denise Butcher, Diane Jones, Gloria Karafa, Julie Letavish, Mo Thuman and Pam Kuebler.

**Cathy Poponak moved to approve the October 7, 2020 minutes with the correction of the March 10th date and the name Kirkwood; second, Theresa Craiger; Guild, unanimous.**

**Treasurer's Report** was presented by Marcia Kane: report on file. Kane advised the bank charges have been credited to our account.

## **Father Balash:**

Father Balash thanked everyone for being here and for their continued support of the church during these times of unusual challenges.

Regarding Christmas services, Father Balash advised each church will tailor their own Christmas holidays. Dispensation will be maintained through the Christmas holidays. One strategy is to consider Christmas a four-day weekend: Christmas Eve, Thursday; Christmas Day, Friday; and Saturday and Sunday. If you normally attend a Saturday or Sunday mass, please do so. A major concern is Christmas Eve. Mass will be streamed in the social hall, as well as going on in the church. A letter to the parish will go out the first week of December explaining the changes. There are still two collections, one for Christmas and one for Holy Family. While we are doing okay, we are financially looking to the future.

Regarding the Advent season, we will have an evening prayer service on December 1, at 7:00 pm, to come together and pray for those affected by the virus and for those who are grieving.

Fish dinners will be drive-thru. Linda Horm will be calling former volunteers to ascertain if they will be comfortable to help this year. Dinners will be put together in the social hall with Covid protocols in place. We will not need as many volunteers and the jobs may be different. Cost for these dinners will increase. There will be a choice of baked or fried fish and three sides, no bread and a mystery dessert. We are working on the process of placing the order to getting the dinner to the person. We need publicity and advertising. We will have a much smaller customer base for we will lose people who live a long distance from us.

Tina McCue reminded all of the upcoming series, *The Sacraments*, being offered by Adult Faith Formation. She stated this is a wonderful series.

McCue said the Catholic Teens are sponsoring a pasta dinner for seniors on Saturday, November 21. We want to honor our seniors.

## **Old Business:**

Gloria Karafa advised St. Vincent DePaul does not need volunteers as we are currently using only half of our volunteers.

Horm advised the March Kolachi Bake Sale date has been changed from March 10<sup>th</sup> to March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Due to Covid circumstances, the Parish Dinner will be a 'Car-o-ling' in the church parking lot and will include a visit from Santa for the PSR. We will enjoy Christmas caroling from our cars and leave with a boxed dinner to heat up when we get home. Details to follow in the bulletin.

**New Business:**

McCue introduced an Advent series presented by Ascension, a faith formation group, entitled *Rejoice! LIVE with Fr. Mark Toups*. The series will start on Sundays, beginning November 29. You can join in on Ascension's YouTube page or purchase the Meditation Journal and/or Prayer Cards. If you are interested in purchasing the additional resources, please let McCue know by November 13.

Maria Butcher advised she and Marcia Kane have been working on the craft show. Masks and social distancing will be maintained, with fifty people inside at a time. All forty-four tables have been sold. Wedding soup, haluski, stuffed cabbage and perogies will be available and on a to-go basis only. Horm commended Butcher and Kane for their hard work, thoughtfully laying out plans for this event. McCue gave the schedule for the prepping of food. If necessary, we have the right to cancel this event that morning.

Horm said fish dinners will begin February 12<sup>th</sup>, if Covid conditions allow the dinners at that time. If you have not been contacted to volunteer and would like to do so, please see her after the meeting.

The 50/50 in the amount of \$46.00 was won by Vivian Watson. Tonight's 50/50 donation will go to St. Vincent DePaul.

Horm led the closing prayer.

**Sandy Hudak moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:33pm; second, Cathy Poponak; Guild, unanimous.**

Our next meeting will be January 6, 2021.

Respectfully,

Margie McCummins  
Secretary