

St. William Women's Guild Minutes

2018-2019 Organizational Meeting

May 29, 2018

-The meeting was opened by President Theresa Craiger with a greeting and prayer, and thanked Linda Horm for organizing the meeting. Additional officers present were Vice President Linda Horm, Secretary Cathy Poponak and Treasurer Mo Thuman. Others in attendance were Ellie Gates, Maria Butcher, Barb Robinson, Gloria Karafa, Pat Scanlon, Therese Tuttle, Marcia Kane, and Felicia Mooney.

-Members enjoyed a candlelight pot luck dinner, (power was out in most of Champion Township) and then the business portion of the meeting began. Calendars and work sheets were provided to all in order to discuss dates, monthly committee members, monthly meeting activities and or speakers, donation sites, and fundraisers. Linda Horm will take into consideration all of the suggestions, and finalize the 2018-2019 booklet.

-There were suggestions about beginning the monthly meetings a half hour earlier this year. It was suggested that the refreshment/social portion of the meeting begin at 6:00PM, with the business portion beginning at 6:30PM, followed by the activity and or speaker. After much discussion, Ellie Gates moved that the bylaws be amended to reflect this change. Maria Butcher seconded the motion; the motion was accepted and passed.

-Gloria Karafa and Cathy Poponak reported that some women expressed reluctance to attend the banquet because their mothers and/or children were deceased, out of town, or they themselves did not have children. After a brief discussion, all agreed that it is very unfortunate that any woman should feel excluded from attending the banquet. A suggestion was made to rename the banquet "The Daughters of Mary Banquet" to reflect our desire to be more inclusive. Maria Butcher moved that the Mother Child Banquet be renamed the Daughters of Mary Banquet. Felicia Mooney seconded the motion. The motion was accepted and passed.

-There was a suggestion that a Quarter Auction fund raiser be held in lieu of the Tour of Homes and other Christmas fundraisers. All agreed that this could be a very profitable event. Maria Butcher moved to add the Quarter Auction to the WG calendar. Marcia Kane seconded the motion; the motion was accepted and passed. Maria Butcher said she would be willing to chair this event and recruit volunteers for the committee.

-Marcia Kane reported that Father Balash requested the Women's Guild assume responsibility for the worship area carpet cleaning bill of \$1,100.00. After a brief discussion, Maria Butcher moved that the Women's Guild pay the carpet cleaning bill of \$1,100.00. Pat Scanlon seconded the motion. The motion was accepted and passed.

-President Theresa Craiger asked to adjourn the meeting. Therese Tuttle moved that the meeting be adjourned. Felicia Mooney seconded the motion. The motion was accepted and passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Cathy Poponak.