

St. William Women's Guild Meeting Minutes

September 6th, 2017

-President Pat Scanlon called the meeting to order, led us in an opening prayer, and welcomed all members of the women's guild. There were 43 members in attendance including Vice President Linda Horm, Treasurer Maureen Thuman and Secretary Cathy Poponak. Pat asked all new members to introduce themselves. New members included Rebekah Struthers, Catherine Morton, Georgana Lapmardo, and Lana Majersky.

-Minutes of the May meeting were read by Secretary Cathy Poponak. There were no corrections or additions. Lynn Vastag made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Therese Tuttle seconded the motion. The motion was accepted and passed. Minutes of the June organizational meeting were read. There were no corrections or additions. Kathy Rogel made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Theresa Craiger seconded the motion. The motion was accepted and passed. Cathy Poponak read correspondences which were thank you notes from Tamara Martinko, as well as from the family of Father Michael Smar.

-Treasurer Maureen Thuman was unable to report on the monthly account breakdown for May, June, July, and August because of difficulties with the computer program. She will report on these months at the October meeting. She did report the new checking balance. The rummage sale income was \$6,788.70. She also was able to report on two donations including \$6,555.00 for the Carillon bells, and \$1,880.37 for AV equipment.

OLD BUSINESS

-Therese Tuttle reported on the rummage sale. She thanked all who helped to make this sale the most profitable in our history of holding the sale. Next year more help will be needed on Thursday morning, because there were over 250 customers present, and people were getting annoyed and left because the check-out line was so long. We will also need to make a new plan for ridding ourselves of the leftover rummage, as the Salvation Army did not show up for pick up, thus the rummage was hauled to Therese's house where she is still dealing with it. There may also be changes made regarding the opening and closing times of the sale to try to make it more convenient for shoppers and workers. That will be decided at a later date by the committee.

-Therese Tuttle reported on the tour of homes. It has been cancelled because there were not enough homes available to make it a successful event. The committee has decided to hold a smaller scale Christmas fund raiser, which will involve a Christmas tree and wreath raffle. All are invited to attend a planning meeting being held on September 20th at 7:00pm.

-Tina McCue completed the audit review of the 2016-2017 treasurers' records. She submitted a typed report for members to review. All records were found to be in order.

NEW BUSINESS

-Lynn Vastag reported that there is a need for more women to be on the funeral dinner dessert donation list. She explained the procedure she follows when she calls for donations. She said that the dessert should be marked "funeral dinner" with the donor's name. If at all possible, please let Lynn know what dessert you intend to donate, as this will make planning easier. Pies and 9x12 cakes go over well.

-Pat Scanlon reported on the "First Steps for Change" program which is a diocesan wide fund raiser sponsored by Catholic Charities. Baby bottles will be distributed at mass, to be returned filled with change. They will be collected in October.

-Linda Horm passed out the 2017-2018 women's guild booklet to all members and thanked Marsha Kane for all of her hard work and assistance in creating it. She asked that the forms she passed out at last Sunday's mass be completed and returned to her as soon as possible. Pat Scanlon thanked Linda for speaking so eloquently at all of the masses. Pat reviewed the booklet, asking for additional help for committees that were in need of more people. There was a good response, as well as a few corrections. The booklet will be updated with these changes.

-Marsha Kane reported for the kitchen organizing committee, which includes representatives from catering, funeral dinners, and fish dinners. She presented a thorough review of the revised plans for the kitchen which will make the flow more efficient and convenient, as well as needed equipment and pricing. Price comparisons from different kitchen supply companies were presented as well. Financial needs were near the \$15,000 mark. After lengthy discussion a motion was made by Lynn Vastag to donate \$15,000 for the kitchen equipment needs. Mary Pytlik seconded that motion. The motion was accepted and passed. Linda Horm thanked Marsha Kane for the many hours of hard work preparing this presentation.

-In Father Balash's absence, Marsha Kane reported that this week's "pot of gold" winner is Nancy Cimbanin. The winnings totaled \$921.00.

UPCOMING EVENTS

-Theresa Craiger reminded the guild that TNT Night is September 13th. Tickets still need to be sold to make this fundraiser a success. Set up is at 5:30PM, doors open at 6:00PM. There will be refreshments before the show and during intermission. There will be a basket raffle. Gilda Stigliano made 3 baskets, Maureen Thuman made 1.

-The next meeting will be held on October 4th at 6:30PM. The program will be a K9 presentation held in the social hall after the business portion of the meeting, and will be open to all members of the parish. Donations will be accepted for the Animal Welfare League of Trumbull County.

-Pat Scanlon asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kathy Rogel made the motion, and Theresa Craiger seconded the motion. The motion was accepted and passed.

-Refreshments and door prizes were provided by Kathy Rogel, Maureen Thuman, Lynn Vastag, Mary Pytlik, Rebekah Struthers, and Jamie Taneri.

-The designated donation site for the evening was the Fairhaven Preschool Program. \$106.00 was collected, as well as several donated items. Linda Horm will take the items and monetary donations to Fairhaven.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cathy Poponak.