

ST. JOSEPH/PIERZ CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/WOMEN MEETING

January 3, 2018

Immediately following the 6:00 Mass for the St. Joseph's Pierz CM/W, Father Ken Popp officiated the Induction of Officers, with Michelle Litke as the new President, Rachel Young as Vice President, and Becky Przybilla as Treasurer. Nita Hayes will continue her term as the Secretary. Father commended the out-going President Marylin Lashinski, Officers and Christian Women's Members for their strong support of the parish, stating how our work helps him immensely in his role, to meet the many needs of parishioners.

The meeting reconvened at the Parish Office and was called to order by President, Michelle Litke, at 6:57 p.m. Eleven members were present and all prayed the Prayer For The Family, together.

The October meeting minutes were reviewed by Nita Hayes, with two minor revisions noted. Marylin Lashinski made a motion to accept the minutes as revised, and Jan Kimman seconded the motion.

The Treasurer's report was read by Jo Loidolt and approved, with a revision to include a new deposit for cookbooks sold. Mary Kimman made the motion to accept with update, and seconded by Nita Hayes. The Savings Account was closed and the balance was transferred to the Checking Account, which has a balance of \$2,842.37. Membership fees of \$5 annually are due January 28th, which will help us meet our goals for 2018. Dues are to be submitted in the pink envelopes with the Mass collection or may be mailed to the Parish Office, if you utilize direct deposit. Thank you for your support.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Church Commission Family Concerns

Legislative - Jan Kimman Mary Kimman - In January there is the Pro Life march at the Capital on January 22nd. (See The Visitor for updates.) Also, Members are asked to pray for peace, regarding the riots in Iran.

International Concerns- Organization Services - Community Concerns & Rural Life - Margaret Albrecht After a discussion, a motion was made by Jo Loidolt and seconded by Marylin Lashinski, to have the Secretary contribute to the quarterly Commission Reports, by reviewing the DCCW updates. This will supplement the acting Commission Chairs' reports, who are asked to continue with any reports they have. Let Officers know if you are willing to Chair one of the Commissions, as noted above.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Rosary - Elvira –

Prayer Line - Karen Gross can be reached at 468-6818.

OLD BUSINESS:

Little Falls Deanery Meeting was held at St. Michael's in Buckman, and twenty-two people attended. Any member of the sister parishes can attend these meetings, which include a mass, presenters, a luncheon by the hosting group and updates from each parish. Buckman members also worked on their Boxes of Joy that day.

Boxes of Joy from our parish were collected and delivered by Nita Hayes, Jan Kummet and Marylin Lashinski to the Little Falls pick-up site. Our parish did an exceptional job with this Project. Thanks to All participants!

Act-Oberfest Each parish was asked to donate 15 dozen cookies for the Act-Oberfest in Little Falls at the Falls Ballroom in September, held there every other year. Proceeds are used for Educational Programs, Retreats and other youth activities in the Diocese, as well as for education programs for adults and children. The Pierz Christian Mothers/ Women provided 20 dozen cookies, which were sold to attendees. It does not cost to attend this annual event, which includes a Talent Show with very good entertainment.

Holy Innocents - Jan Dahmen reported that Seventy-five bags of candy were distributed after masses.

Email List - Will pass around the list again at the April meeting, if you wish to be added to receive meeting minutes and notices, or contact nitahayes@live.com

Seven Sisters Apostolate Pam Evan reported that the Seven Sisters Apostolate group began their prayer year commitment for our Parish Priests on November 6th. The local Women's confraternities joined together to convene the apostolate members and will pray an hour daily, throughout the year. See July minutes for details.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget Discussion – After review of where we want to spend our money and the fact that over the years our funds are depleting, Officers stated they are willing to put together an annual budget, to project upcoming revenues and expenses. Membership dues will be coming in at the end of January. Eileen made a motion to have a budget drafted, seconded by Nita Hayes.

40 Year Members - We will recognize our 40 year members at the April meeting. Marylin will contact them and coordinate with Michelle.

New Members - Michelle will put a notice in the bulletin to help encourage new membership, prior to April. Each member is suggested to recruit a few new members for the April induction. Report new member recruits to one of the Officers.

First Communion - Michelle asked if we could support First Communion students, so they receive the same gift, a framed picture, that Holy Trinity Students will. Pam Evans made a motion to donate \$50 to F.P.S.R. and Jan Kimman seconded the motion.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May Crowning – is Saturday, May 12th at the 4:30 Mass. Michelle Litke will contact Brenda Procott to coordinate, and inquire if Becky Przybilla's family would crown this year; Officers will take up the gifts.

Baccalaureate - Is on May 20th, Sunday before graduation. We will discuss details at our April Meeting. Michelle will work on a speaker, asking Joe Poland if he can.

Fun, Food, Fund Day on Thursday, June 14th will be put on by the Paynesville and Cold Spring Deanery. Location to be determined.

Villa Birthday Bingo will be held on Friday, July 20th.

The Spring Conference Humnae Vitae 50 Years, Saint Anthony Church, Saint Cloud is Sponsored by DCCW and Office of Marriage and Family will be held in St. Cloud on March 10th. Refer to w.stcloudccw.org for further updates. April 20-21, 2018 ACCW Spring Conference – St. Michael, Stillwater, MN

Next meeting- Our next meeting kicks off with a potluck **Salad Supper** at 6:00 **p.m.** The meeting will convene thereafter, on **Wednesday, April 11th**, 2018. We will hold the induction of new members, and will recognize the 40 year members. Active members are challenged to do an "ask" for three new members to join.

Holy Trinity Carnival A Thank You card was received from Holy Trinity students for donation of \$100.

Adjournment: Jan Kimman made motion, seconded by Rachel Young to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.