

# **ST. WILLIAM WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING MINUTES**

**April 3, 2019**

-President Theresa Craiger called the meeting to order, led us in an opening prayer, and thanked the evening's hostesses. A guest present was Mary Jo Brewster who is a friend of Maria Butcher and has helped us for many years with our card party. There were 29 members in attendance including President Theresa Craiger, Vice President Linda Horm and Secretary Cathy Poponak. Treasurer Maureen Thuman was excused.

## **MINUTES**

- Secretary Cathy Poponak read the March minutes. Theresa Craiger asked if there were any corrections or additions. Pat Scanlon moved to accept the minutes as read, Sandy Hudak seconded the motion. The motion was accepted and passed.

## **TREASURER REPORT**

- Secretary Cathy Poponak reported on the March monthly account breakdown in Treasurer Maureen Thuman's absence. Highlights of the reports are as follows;

## **PASTOR'S REPORT**

-In Father Balash's absence, President Theresa Craiger announced that he would like to thank the women's guild for the cookie reception following the Lenten Mission.

-Father collected donations both nights after the mission, collecting \$883.00. He used \$100.00 to pay JFK students Nathan McCue and Scott Mintus for helping with the lighting at the mission, leaving a balance of \$783.00. He is handing this balance over to the WG to decide how it should be used, because the WG financed the mission. After a discussion, Gloria Karafa moved that the \$783.00 donation be deposited into the WG account. Lynn Vastag seconded the motion. The motion was accepted and passed. Father Balash did stop by before the meeting was over to offer his personal thanks.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

-President Theresa Craiger discussed the problem with the dish washing sink (which is the need for a new faucet and sprayer) with Father Balash and Ross Lenhart. She also had an opportunity to talk with representatives from catering, fish dinners, and funeral dinners about what would be most helpful to remedy the problem. The solution most likely will be an “up and over” type faucet with a sprayer, costing around \$400.00. Theresa will report at the May meeting about the final decision, and the exact cost.

-Theresa also talked with Father Balash and Ross Lenhart about the problem with the women’s low sitting toilets (which is the difficulty for some getting off). Solutions discussed were adding grab bars, or installing a raised toilet seat with handles over the existing toilet. The issue was discussed at length at our meeting. It was agreed that the largest stall in the women’s restroom will be the focus. Signs indicating that this stall has the lift adjustments will be on the stall door. It was also suggested that a new more noticeable sign be ordered for the existing handicapped bathroom where grab bars are already in place. Theresa will report at the May meeting about the final decision and the exact cost.

-Theresa Craiger reminded members about the new parish app. Anyone needing help could ask her after the meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

-The slate of officers for the 2019-2020 year was presented to the assembled; Theresa Craiger- President, Linda Horm- Vice President, Jamie Taneri- Treasurer, and Cathy Poponak- Secretary. Christine DePascale moved to accept the slate of officers as presented. Ellie Gates seconded the motion. The motion was accepted and passed.

-Christine DePascale announced that her daughter Bridgette was again chosen to attend the National Catholic Youth Choir. Christine requested that the women’s guild financially support Bridgette’s attendance again this year with a donation of \$500.00. Christine added that if Bridgette would be awarded a scholarship by the Humility of Mary Sisters once again this year, she would partially reimburse the guild as she did last time. Maria Butcher moved that the women’s guild donate \$500.00 to financially support Bridgette’s attendance at the National Catholic Youth Choir. Therese Tuttle seconded the motion. The motion was accepted and passed.

-Tina McCue announced that the JFK Speech and Debate team is collecting gently used shoes as a fund raiser. There is a box in the vestibule to place your donation in.

-Tina also announced that Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> will be a morning of service for 10-20 JFK students who will spread mulch around the church building and priest house. Anyone who could bring a shovel, wheelbarrow, or pitchfork for them to use that day would be greatly appreciated.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

-Chairperson Maria Butcher reminded members that the card party is scheduled for Sunday April 7th. Set up will be after the fish dinner on Friday April 5th. Kennedy students will assist with this job. Tina McCue discussed details of food drop off. Kitchen helpers are needed on Saturday from 8AM-1PM and Sunday from 10:30AM till completion. Andrea Runyan announced that there are 49 baskets this year, and they are really terrific. Of special note are the donations from Covelli Enterprise.

-Chairperson Gloria Karafa reminded members about the kolachi bake on Wednesday April 10th. Volunteers are most welcome. Bring rolling pins and spatulas. The nuts have been ground.

-In chairperson Mo Thuman's absence, Cathy Poponak reported that the Marion Devotion Banquet plans are well under way. The event will be held on Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> beginning with the prayer devotion at 12PM, with dinner to follow. There will be a cake walk again this year.

## **WRAP UP**

-Refreshments and door prizes were provided by Christine DePascale, Gloria Karafa, Georgana Lapmardo, and Therese Tuttle. The designated donation site was the St William Card Party, and the evening was spent preparing for the event.

-The next meeting will be held on Wednesday May 1, 2019. It will be held at Enzo's Restaurant for the Installation of Officers. Members are responsible for their own dinners, but cake will be provided for desert. The designated donation site is Akron Children's Hospital "Reach out and Read Literacy Program". Suggestions for donations are new and gently used books for children six months to five years of age. Please NO books on the topics of religion, holidays, death, divorce, abuse or medical issues. OR..... you may choose to donate hygiene products such as small soaps and shampoos, toothbrushes, baby bibs, socks and underwear, or hair brushes.

-President Theresa Craiger asked to adjourn the meeting. Maria Butcher moved that the meeting be adjourned, Sandy Hudak seconded the motion. The motion was accepted and passed.

-Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Cathy Poponak.