

ST. WILLIAM WOMEN'S GUILD

SEPTEMBER 2, 2020

President Linda Horm called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm, welcomed and thanked everyone for their presence, and hoped we could find some sort of normalcy and continue with our ministries. Twenty-four members were present, including our four officers. Our new officers were introduced: Vice President Christine DePascale; Secretary, Margie McCummins; Treasurer, Marcia Kane. Tricia Wineland was welcomed as a new member. Horm led the opening prayer, and then thanked our hostess committee: Maria Butcher, Ellie Gates and Jamie Taneri, Karen Hardman, Ellen Millik-Jones, Mary Pytlik, Lynn Vastag and Yvonne Vastag.

Horm advised the 2019-2020 audit was complete and the bank register is in balance. Books have been turned over to Marcia Kane.

Motion to approve the March 4, 2020 minutes was presented by McCummins; second, Maria Butcher; Guild, unanimous.

Motion to approve the July 20, 2020 minutes was presented by Theresa Craiger; second, Jeanette Jaskiewicz; Guild, unanimous.

Correspondence was read by McCummins.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Kane: report on file.

Father Balash:

Father Balash stated it was good to see everyone and thanked the members for their attendance. He said it was a very quiet few months in which the staff became "tech savvy." Tina McCue was thanked for heading the Shepherding One Another ministry. Father thanked the members for their continued financial support, and said no furloughs were necessitated. We are financially stable. We were recipients of a PPP loan of ... for payroll use, and if it was used according to instructions, it could become a grant. When the pandemic hit, the Diocese forgave April and May assessments, healthcare costs, insurance, etc. to help parishes financially. The LED lighting replacement was completed.

Thanks to our fish dinners, we have new carpeting in place, new flooring, and the entry and hallways painted.

In June we opened for masses, using a balanced concept as normal as possible, but maintaining measures to keep our environment as safe as possible.

It is sad to see the minimal member participation at masses.

Debbie Hayes will be retiring from Rene's Closet in December, and we are looking for a replacement.

Diana Kirkwood advised Catholic Charities is not sure they will continue the Christmas Giving Tree. The reasoning is Catholic Charities has not received any calls so far. We want to continue this outreach and are looking for different options.

Father presented the In-Person/Building Protocols. A copy will be mailed to all parishioners.

Renita Mintus asked if the dispensation would be cancelled. Father Balash advised the dispensation remains in place and may well stay until the end of the year. The dispensation is intended only for age-related persons and those with a compromised health system.

President Horm proceeded with Old Business:

- Cathy PoPONak has done an excellent job of decorating the handicapped restroom at a cost of \$193.90.
- WG paid for the food processor at a charge of \$1,127.00 plus \$80.00 for an additional disc.
- WG paid \$5,540.40 for the speaker system.

President Horm proceeded with New Business:

- Volunteers are needed for this year's Nominating Committee.

Tina McCue and Andrea Runyan explained The Virtual Reality Basket Raffle that will be held using baskets designated for the card party. Items will be on display in the social hall, and also online. Complete instructions will be given in the bulletin. Winners will be announced on Facebook Live, but the date has not been finalized.

The 2020-2021 booklet was reviewed prior to final printing. President Horm thanked DePascale and Kane for their help with the booklet, and also thanked the committee chairs for updating their pages. Horm requested any additions/changes be turned in by next Wednesday.

President Horm advised there will be six meetings where we will do a \$50 donation to the selected charitable cause, using the 50/50 raffle money. DePascale will handle the 50/50 raffle.

McCue stated how proud she is of our parishioners, their prayer areas at home and their attending the virtual card party. We are resilient and strong. She asked that we please keep praying for those at home.

Our next meeting will be October 7, Bingo Night. Please bring a wrapped, white elephant gift for prizes.

President Horm, in closing, thanked everyone for their attendance.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was presented by Sandy Hudak; second, Renita Mintus; Guild, unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned with 'A Prayer for Our New Bishop' at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully,

Margie McCummins
Secretary