

St. William Women's Guild Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2018

-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 25 members in attendance including Vice President Linda Horm, Treasurer Maureen Thuman and Secretary Cathy Poponak. There were no new members in attendance.

-Minutes of the February meeting were read by Secretary Cathy Poponak. President Pat Scanlon asked if there were any corrections or additions. Therese Tuttle moved to accept the minutes as read, Diana Bowser seconded the motion. The motion was accepted and passed. Cathy Poponak read correspondences which included 3 thank you notes. One was from Trumbull New Theatre confirming that they received our \$200.00 auditorium seat donation. The name plate on the seat will read St. William Parish Women's Guild. They enclosed 4 theatre tickets which were given to Maria Butcher to use as card party door prizes. There were 16 correspondences sent out since the last meeting.

-Treasurer Maureen Thuman reported on the February monthly account breakdown.

-Father Balash was present and reported on the following:

+The Lenten Mission was a great success. He thanked the Women's Guild for the financial support of the mission. Friar John Paul said St. William is now the gold standard Parish for beginning the mission with a family dinner and showing of the movie "The Wizard of Oz". The Warren Tribune had a favorable article about the mission.

+Father has ordered 400 new cushioned chairs for our worship area. The cushion material is in shades of green. Two patterns were chosen and will be alternated in the row set-up.

+Father asked for volunteers to meet on Thursday March 15th to help organize the sale and destruction of the former office building. Plans are to have a tag sale on all items in and on both the house and the garage. After the sale is complete, the Champion Fire Department will use the building for fire training.

+There will not be a trunk sale this year, as the fire training will most probably be occurring at the time the trunk sale had been scheduled.

+Father wants to have a parish picnic again this year. It is scheduled for August 12th.

+Father is considering organizing a parish pictorial directory this fall, as it has been 5 years since the last one.

OLD BUSINESS

-Vice President Linda Horm reported on the successful clean-up of the rooms and cabinets. The environment looks much neater and more organized. There is now a central supply area for paper products. She will follow up with Ann Sprague and the prayer shawl ministry about how best to store

the blessed shawls until they are needed. The Women's Guild file cabinet in the parish office has been organized. Old pictures are going to be organized in albums.

-Nominating committee chairperson Theresa Craiger reported that she is still looking for someone willing to serve in the president position.

-President Pat Scanlon led a discussion about fund raising, suggesting that we attempt to maximize profit at our existing events, rather than adding more. Members seemed to be in agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

-Chairperson Maria Butcher reported on the card party. The committee has decided to use teacups as centerpieces. The plants that were ordered will be used as door prizes, in order to lessen the task of soliciting prizes from area businesses. The basket chance raffle will have themed baskets, to make them more appealing. Donations are needed. Maria passed out fliers for advertising.

-Maria Butcher reported that more help is needed at the fish dinners, especially cleaners, runners and servers.

-President Pat Scanlon asked that notebooks be compiled by chairpersons of major committees and events which contain details of how the event is organized. It might even contain pictures, and "set-up drawings" along with grocery lists and menus. This would help a new chairperson to have a way of knowing what to do. Copies will be kept in the Women's Guild file cabinet in the parish office. Vice President Linda Horm volunteered to follow up to assure we get this accomplished.

-Sunday March 11th is the Helping Hands event at JFK High School. Help is needed during the second shift, or donations would be welcome. Please contact Tina McCue.

-March 31st is the RCIA reception. The Women's Guild will be responsible for this.

-The installation of officers will occur at the May 2nd meeting. Hostess Therese Tuttle reported that we will meet at Enzo's Restaurant on Elm Road in Warren at 6PM, for the meeting and installation. Members may purchase their dinner and drinks there as well.

-Gloria Karafa reminded the members that the kolachi bake will be Wednesday March 14th beginning at 8AM. She encouraged members to assist for any or all parts of the day.

On another topic, she also shared the sad news that Sister Mary Cora's nephew passed away unexpectedly.

WRAP UP

-Our program for the evening was a very merry unbirthday celebration. Members enjoyed playing a gift exchange game. The gifts were very creative and ranged from candies and cookies to candles and gift cards. Flowers were awarded to the oldest and youngest members in attendance.

-The designated donation site for the evening was Trumbull County Children's Services Summer Fun Program. \$48.00 and various items were donated by members of the guild.

-Refreshments and door prizes were provided by Theresa Craiger, Maria Butcher, Sandy Hudak, Nancy Meyer, and Judy Wolfe.

-Pat Scanlon reminded the members that the next meeting will be held on April 4th at 6:30PM. It will be a working meeting for the card party, and donations for the event will be accepted. She also reminded us to accumulate new or gently used children's books for the May Women's Guild meeting designated donation site; Akron Children's Hospital "Reach Out and Read" program. Book donations need to be dropped off at church rather than to be carried to Enzo's Restaurant. A box will be provided in room 103 that week.

-President Pat Scanlon asked to adjourn the meeting. Sandy Hudak moved that the meeting be adjourned, Ellie Gates seconded the motion. The motion was accepted and passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Cathy Poponak.