

The Fall 2022 Meeting of the St. Paul's Christian Women

Sunday, October 23, 2022 6:30 p.m. in Community Room

Attendance: 20 members attended. See attached attendance list.

Meeting was called to order by President Trude Sowada at 6:32 p.m.

Trude welcomed all and especially those who are attending for the first time. She invited all to a quiet reflection on how Jesus and the Holy Spirit moved in them recently. She then invited anyone willing to share that experience with the whole group.

Trude then read a prayer to open the meeting.

Old Business:

Review of Minutes: Copies of the minutes of the Spring meeting were distributed for review. Motion to approve by Pat Gruenke. Seconded by Wendy Rysavy. Minutes unanimously approved by voice vote.

Trude will send prior meeting minutes out with invitation and notice of next meeting.

Ice Cream Social 8-15-22: Christian Women (CW) served the ice cream social on the plaza outside the Gathering Area following the Solemnity of Mary Mass on 8-15-22. The event was very well attended. The Social Committee sponsored the event.

Donation to Terebinth: Trude will follow up with the Treasurer to see if the \$500 approved donation has been made. Terebinth crafters have reserved a craft table at the upcoming Holiday Bazaar. Table rent covered by a donation.

ASA Teachers Grants: Carrie Fedor reported that she has no update on any pending grant applications at this time.

Thank You: 2 families sent Thank yous for services received for funeral luncheons.

New Business:

Treasurers Report: Treasurer, Carrie Hartung, who could not attend this meeting. Trude S. reported on her behalf that the current balance is approximately \$18,000.

Donation Requests:

- Sainly Stitches from St Peter's has requested \$150 to help fund the purchase of fabric for quilt tops. They use donated material for backs and padding. This amount should cover expenses for quilts through Feb. Quilts are donated to Catholic Charities. Evie Bancroft made a motion to approve and donate \$150 immediately and more as needed up to \$500 and add a donation to Sainly Stitches as a budget item on next years CW budget up to \$500. Motion seconded by Andrea Voigt, motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Other comments about quilt donations: Brianda Cediell shared that there is a group of quilters at St Joseph parish. Some organization get donated quilts from the diocese Mission Office. Project Linus also has a quilt or blanket donation project.

- Joann Wier brought forward a request from Mary Anderson, coordinator of the Junior Volunteers at CentraCare hospital. A donation of \$250 would cover one month's cost of fleece material used to make LUV blankets given to young patients in emergency or other intense care. 12-15 yards of fabric will make ~25 blankets. Andrea V. motioned to approve \$250. Mary Croat 2nd, motion approved by voice vote.
- Trude will follow up with Treasurer on year end donations to other charities in the 2022/23 budget (Poor Clares, Catholic Charities, etc.)

Christian Women's page on TAO website and who will keep it up to date?: TAOcatholic.org currently has info about upcoming CW Holiday Bazaar but does not have webpage for information about the CW organization. From our understanding, in the TAO parishes, St Paul's has the only active chapter. It was mentioned that, at least in the past, St Michaels had individual groups called mission groups that host and coordinate events. Nicole Carlson is the contact for information to be added to the TAO webpages. Carrie F. shared that she has a file of what was posted on St Paul's website prior to the formation of TAO. Roxanne Muehlbauer offered to work on getting a CW webpage after Jan 1 (after all the Holiday Bazaar work is wrapped up). Pat G. reminded all that CW has a Facebook page also for staying informed and connected.

An item for future discussion: Mary Ellen Keymer posed the question if we should expand our membership to all women in the TAO and consider changing our name to TAO Christian Women. One issue to address is how the treasury would be managed.

Increase use of Flock Notes: TAO's subscription to Flocknotes allows parishioners to sign up and select what groups within the parish to be connected to. Christian Women is one such group. A link for signing up for Flocknotes is on the TAO website and on business card size notes in the church entrances. Nicole Carlson is the parish contact. Carrie F. offered to be the CW contact and she, Pat G. and Bernie Quist offered to be the CW Admin Team for Flocknotes. Admin team would have authority to post to Flocknotes for the organization. Flocknotes may be a way to be more inclusive than email.

Several questions came up from group about how to use and how to update Flocknotes once signed up.

DCCW Spring retreat March 18th 8:30 -2:00

The St Cloud Metro District of the St Cloud Diocese Council of Christian Women (DCCW) is scheduled to host the 2023 Spring Retreat. As part of the Metro District, St Paul's CW was asked to host the 2023 Spring Lenten Retreat. The CW exec. committee met with members of Diocesan Council committee this summer to discuss what the commitment consisted of. After discussion, we agreed to be the host. Carrie F. met with member of Diocesan planning committee this past week. Our chapter is responsible to provide the facility to host Mass, confessions, registration area, place for guest speaker, and make and serve lunch for approx. 150 guests. \$7.00 of the \$25 registration fee comes to the host to help cover the lunch cost. Light luncheon idea of a soup and sandwich. We can request donations from other St Cloud Metro councils to help cover expenses. The Diocesan Council plans most of the day: promotion in Catholic Magazine, arranges for the speakers, priests for Mass and confessions, and takes care of registration. We may be asked to help promote it in our metro parishes, assemble or arrange for guest gift bags if offered. One suggestion to promote attendance for young mothers is to make offer to help defray childcare costs to attend. Maybe a reduction in registration.

We will be seeking volunteers from all parishes in the TAO to help out that day. Fr LeRoy has given preliminary permission for pulpit time to announce the event in each of the churches as the time gets closer.

Other Upcoming Events: Joann W. announced the 8th Annual Sock Drive in Nov. Collection boxes in each of the parishes. See bulletin for details.

Bazaar Update:

- **General Information-** Pat G. reported invitations and luncheon ticket orders and raffle tickets info has been mailed to approx. to ~ 550 households (down ~120 from last year). She and Gary Zwack have an appointment at Bridge of Harmony to discuss options to rent sound equipment for the entertainment. Suggestion to offer a cash gift to Gary for his assistance for lining it up and helping out the day of the event. Pat G. will coordinate with Reyne Roeder and Sue Sovada on the number of tables to rent. Boy Scouts no longer available to help with take down. She'll contact Joe Arseneau about availability of Confirmation students desiring service hours.
- **Luncheon** – Mary Ellen Richter (unable to attend mtg).
 - Kitchen staff and waitress's coordinators unable to attend. Trish Bruce and Jean Kruchten announced that this will be their last year as coordinators. Anyone interested taking on this role next year should contact Pat G.
- **Ticket Sales** – Lori Neutzling (unable to attend mtg). Volunteers have signed up for selling tickets before and after each Mass until Bazaar Day and on Bazaar Day.
- **Bake Sale** – Julie Frommelt. Bakers had 2 big days of pie making and carmel roll baking this past week. Large amounts of apples and rhubarb donated this year. Making more mini pies than in past years. Price of mini's = \$6. Cost of ingredients is higher but donations of pie crusts and other ingredients received helps offset the cost of the purchased ingredients. Bake Sale prices on all items will stay the same as last year except kolaches since the price of apricots has more than doubled. Suggested to increase the price by \$1/pkg. Julie F. continues to shop around for large quantity specials on ingredients. Costco was suggested as an option. Julie F. gave an update on the baking schedule and thanked those who have helped already, especially Andrea Voigt for all the calling to fill the volunteer roster.
- **Basket Silent Auction** - Sue S. and Joann W. Goal is to assemble 100 baskets. Wine and alcohol baskets sell well. Looking for more donations of wine. Some people who have provided baskets in the past have made a cash donation this year instead. Sue S. and Joann W. will use the cash donations to shop to fill baskets.
- **Crafters** – Reyne Roeder, Mary Croat assisting. 25 vendors so far. 6 new this year. 5 vendors will be in gathering area. Needs 28 tables.
- **Muffin Shop** – Kathie Pflueger and (Marla Plante?). Lisa Strong will be contacted to volunteer the day of the bazaar.
- **Additional Items:** Table decorations – Roxanne Muehlbauer. Has found wine on sale to use in the knome centerpieces. But due to maximum per buyer restrictions, she requested 3 volunteers to help take advantage of the sale offer. Centerpieces will be available for sale for \$10 each.

Julie F. motioned to adjourn, Amber Raiche 2nd, approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Bernie Quist, Secretary.

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