

The meeting was called to order by President, Rita Niebuhr with opening prayer said by Elaine Ricci.

Roll call by circles was taken with 21 members present representing 7 of 8 circles.

Review of Minutes: January 2, 2024, minutes were reviewed and approved with no corrections.

Treasurer's Report: In Darlene's absence, the treasurer's report was given by President Rita Niebuhr. Current balance on hand is \$4658.94. Two \$200 donations were made to the Benjamin House and to Fr. Kanna. Darlene will also be absent for the March meeting. She and Rita will meet on February 13th to update any transactions received and to be reported at the March meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Church Social: Madonna is scheduled for February 18th. Joan Wurm will coordinate this with other members from the Madonna Circle.

2024 Social Calendar:

Jan. 21 – St. Theresa

Feb. 18 – Madonna

Mar. 17 – St. Margaret

April 21 – St. Ann

May 19 – St. Bernadette

June 16 – St. Rebecca

July 21 – St. Andrea

August - Canceled

Sept 15 – Mother Cabrini

Oct. 20 – St. Theresa

Nov. 17 – Madonna

December - Canceled

Old Business:

Grade School Clothes Donation: Grade school donations are done. The last donation were multiple pairs of shoes and boots from an anonymous donor. Rita again thanks everyone who generously contributed to this cause.

There may be a request for fall supplies. After discussion, this was tabled for now.

Ladies Luncheon: Will be on Saturday, May 4, 2024. The theme is May baskets. Rita has older programs if needed for ideas. Festivities will begin at 11:30 am. Entertainment was discussed.

Diocesan Convention: Rita reported on the Diocesan Convention to be held June 27 – 28, 2024, St. Anthony's. She reported on what our group responsibilities are, which consisted mainly of logistics (welcome and hospitality), finding a caterer for the food for Thursday's 5:00 pm banquet and Friday's lunch. Breakfast for Friday will be coffee, juice, and sweet rolls. Mass will be said by Bishop Powers. We will need to find readers for the mass. There will be very little cost to our group, with much of the cost being covered through registrations. It was suggested bags and a raffle be included, and also have name tags. Further discussion will take place when time gets closer to this event.

Boys and Girls Club: Nancy Gagner reported on the Cumberland Boys and Girls Club. A motion was made to donate \$200, specifically earmarked for the Cumberland Boys and Girls Club. This was passed unanimously.

New Business:

Stations of the Cross: On Fridays during Lent, starting February 16th, soup and sandwiches will be provided. Each week a circle will be asked to provide sandwiches, beginning with St. Ann circle, on the 16th. There are approximately 15-20 people who stay after the service for lunch and fellowship.

Sandwich schedule:

Feb. 16th -- St. Andrea

Feb 23rd -- St. Ann

March 1st -- St. Bernedette

March 8th -- Madonna

March 15th -- St. Margaret

March 22nd -- St. Rebecca

Blue Hills Chorale Concert: Kathy Turba is asking if CCW would be willing to host the Blue Hills Chorale on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 7:00 pm. This is a nondenominational group of singers who provide beautiful music. This would be open to the community. Kathy Epple inquire about advertising and if a free-will offering will be made. Members were in

favor of having this event here at St. Anthony's. Coffee and bars will be provided after the concert. The CCW from St. Ann's and Sacred Heart in be asked if they wish to help out.

Other: Rosemary reported valentines will be sent to our homebound, congregate, and nursing home members. Other well wishes were Get Well card to Sharon Herman and Sympathy card and Mass Memorial was sent to the Hammon family.

Thank you cards were received by the United Methodist Church, Angela Schug, and Deacon Greg.

Deacon Steve L. and Bob Boehm will be doing a walk-through of the rectory. Members thought it would be helpful to have another set of eyes go with them. Nancy Gagner and Sharon Rydberg volunteered to do this.

Prayer requests were asked for Mary Rodriguez, Beth Effertz, and Clara Effertz.

Next CCW Meeting: Monday, March 4, 2024, beginning at 4:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned with closing prayer said by Elaine Ricci.

Mary A. Ricci
CCW Secretary