St. Ann Council of Catholic Women Minutes Monday, 5 May 2025

Meeting opened by President Trudy Pabst with a prayer at 7:00pm.

Roll Call: St Monica - 5; St Martha - 4; St Agnes - 0 with a total present of 9. Note: Peggy Arnold attended and was added to St. Monica circle.

<u>Secretary's Report</u>: Minutes from the Jan 2025 meeting were read. Jean Pabst made the motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Carol Wozniak. Motion carried all in favor.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> - Teresa Nordell provided the financial report through **Apr 2025**: For **Income**: Interest - \$10, Spaghetti supper - \$2,007. For **Expenses**: Scholarships: \$1,000, Fall Dinner - \$25 (raffle tix license), Spaghetti supper - \$200, Misc - \$100 (to Father Kanna for meals). External Charities: Misc - \$200 (Seven Sisters retreat). We have \$2,141 in checking, \$11,885 in savings for a total cash on hand of \$14,027. Ranae Madison made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and Julie Herdahl seconded it. Motion passed with all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Discussed the results of the Spaghetti Supper and ways to possibly improve it. There were 169 meals served with 41 take out and 128 dine in.
- We gave Father Kanna \$100 to go towards meals. Discussed putting it in the budget for next year.
- We donated \$200 towards the Diocesan Seven Sisters Retreat group hosted in Cumberland with 3 St. Ann members attending: Teresa Nordell, Renee Lutz and Mary Pletzer.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Several KCs and CCW members cleaned out several classrooms in the center to get ready for the Blood Mobile coming Sept 17th. If we use the classrooms, we don't have to move tables in the Dining room/gym hall which tend to get very heavy for us older folks to move! Several items (junk) were hauled out of the building and taken to the dumpsters. The Preschool Playhouse room needs to be cleaned out also, but there are paperwork files in there and perhaps need to have a representative decide what to keep and what needs tossing. Looking at possibly a deadline of June 30th.
- We have some old folding chairs to sell. The Turtle Lake township will take 30 chairs for \$2.00 each which still leaves 90 left. Cindy Vanda will see if the Clayton Fire department wants to buy any and let us know.
- Scholarships: We had one applicant, Megan Hoffman we'll award her \$500. She is going to UW Oshkosh to major in Journalism and Communications.
- School Supplies Jean Pabst has permission from the TL school to put out totes like she did last year to collect unwanted school supplies, like notebooks, pens & pencils, etc. Then her and Dale (hubby) go through sorting and donate the supplies to Operation Hope which operates in the United States, giving to underprivileged kids.

- Discussions on whether or not to have a fall dinner again this year? If we have it, it would be Sunday Sep 7th. We are to come back to the next meeting in June with ideas on how to make it less work and any ideas to improve it.
- The Fall Dinner Raffle tickets license is already ordered even if we don't have the dinner, we can still do a raffle.
- Discussed the Baptismal Banners in church. It is felt that it looks sad to have so few names on them. Mary Pletzer stated that she is the one that maintains them and that it's a stark reminder that we need to do something to improve the numbers in our church! Many young people aren't coming to church or getting married anymore and those that do, frequently are choosing not to have kids. We are to brainstorm ideas on what to do with that space in the future.
- Discussed Pax Christi nominations we decided to have Teresa Nordell be the St. Ann nominee. Colette Kasper, Jean Pabst, Trudy Pabst and Mary Pletzer are working on the paperwork with Teresa's input of course!
- Received a very nice Thank You note from Lexi Kamish for her receipt of her scholarship in assisting her attending St. Thomas college.
- Received a Thank You from Liz Larson for the donation to the Seven Sisters retreat.
- Cindy Vanda wanted to thank the CCW for the donation at Christmas time for their Clayton school children they served 132 kids. And she also thanked Teresa Nordell and Megan Hoffman for wrapping all the gifts!
- Cindy was also requesting a donation for a Clayton family that has had devastating financial issues with both parents suffering from debilitating health issues and they are in danger of losing their home because they are behind on their house payments. They have 2 kids in school. There was much discussion about when is it appropriate to donate, especially to a non-parish family? There have been requests for donations in the past that we declined to donate to. After much back and forth, Carol Wozniak made a motion to donate \$200 to the family and Ranae Madison seconded it. Motion passed with all in favor. Clayton is sponsoring a fund-raiser for the family Saturday, Jun 1st.
- Trudy shared an email from the Health Ministry team that there will be a "Do It For Dillon" class on Epi-Pen auto-injector usage training by Mary Ricci on Wed May 21st at 6pm at St. Anthony's and a second class on Wed May 28th at 6pm at St. Ann's for those interested, but ushers are especially encouraged to attend.

Jean Pabst made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Cindy Vanda seconded it. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Closing prayer was said.

Next meeting will be at 7pm on Monday, Jun 2th, 2025.

Mary Pletzer, CCW Secretary