

St. Ann Council of Catholic Women Minutes
Monday, 6 Oct 2025

Meeting opened by President Trudy Pabst with a prayer at 7:01pm.

Roll Call: Roll call: St Monica - 4; St Martha - 4; St Agnes - 0, and one visitor, Elaine Ricci, with a total present of 9.

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

Treasurer's Report - *Teresa Nordell provided the financial report through Sep 2025: For Income: Circle Dues \$250 in Aug and \$470 in Sep, TL Fair \$400, Fall Dinner \$1237 in Aug and \$7866 in Sep; Interest \$7; Misc \$100 (Lioness donation). For Expenses: Fall Dinner Aug \$205 and Sep \$2,690; Seminarians \$500. We have \$1,207 in checking, \$13,401 in savings for a total cash on hand of \$14,608. Ranae Madison made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and Peggy Arnold seconded it. Motion carried. Additionally Teresa pointed out that we usually receive \$450 from the Lions for the fair, but only received \$400 this year - no explanation provided. She also provided the results of the Fall dinner on a separate sheet. We did very well this year in attendance (317 this year vs. last year's 275) and monetary (\$9,103 this year vs. last year's \$8,017).*

OLD BUSINESS:

- Discussed that it was observed during National Night Out that most of the other churches represented gave out something - water, cotton candy, little Jesus figurines, etc - but we simply sold raffle tickets. Though we did give away 4 Fall Dinner tickets for the end of the night drawing (which were used by the way!). But we should collectively think of something to give away next year in addition to selling raffle tickets.
- Blood Bank - St. Ann was supposed to host Sep 17th, but due to the heat, it was moved to Grace Community Church as they have Air Conditioning. Our next time to host the blood bank will be Wed Nov 12th.
- New Circle chair - Diane Moravitz has agreed to take over for Jean Pabst as St. Martha's chair. Renee Lutz was not at the meeting, so not sure if she was successful finding a replacement. However many updates need to be made to the overall list and Mary stated that Allison Lutz was the point of contact on updating the database. Since Allison has moved away, it is believed that it should get put on "Google docs" or some database that others can update. Mary will talk to Renee to see what the status is. There was much discussion about many people reaching out to Teresa and others that they never received their Fall Dinner letter. So it is believed that some people may have been accidentally moved to the "inactive" list and so were not mailed their information.
- Sock it to Em Sept - Jean Pabst was the point of contact. We received about 440 items this year , which is down from years past. We received underwear as well as

socks. They will be divided between Clayton and Turtle Lake Elementary schools. There was discussion on the Adult items - where to donate - St. Vincent's, Benjamin's House, the Barron Homeless shelter, etc. Jean will put a note in the bulletin.

- Fall Dinner discussions - It was a huge success. Couple things though:
 - the potatoes- decided that we will go back to our original potatoes. We tried the kind that are used at the Threshing Bee, but decided we like the other ones better.
 - The pickles - it was felt that some of the old ones (from last year) were too salty and decided next year that we will get rid of the old ones and just use the new ones.
 - Coleslaw - still had 6 ice cream buckets left over, and we had cut the recipe back a lot. Do we go from 40 lbs down to 30 lbs? Or change it up - maybe make a cream-based coleslaw (Mary adamantly opposes this option!) or go back to cutting up fresh veggies and placing on the table, though it was reminded that we had a lot of waste/left-over with that option too. Think about it before next year.
- Lets go back to using the fresh field corn like we did last year. We tried to use the frozen corn we had from last year and added it to the canned corn we had previously, but it was decided that it just wasn't as good. Trudy will talk to Al Kasper to see if we can order some for next year again.
- It was also suggested that we have a table of Free Will offerings of whatever - garden items, canning items, etc. This year Lori Moriak brought in a bunch of fresh peaches that she received from a friend, and we made \$142 on that. And there have been questions about religious items for sale. So if we have a table on the side for free will donations - that might be nice, like the ol' Country Store we used to have? We may need to move the basket raffles to the hallway by the boys bathroom, as it gets pretty congested over there.
- And a huge Thank you to the Herdahl's for grilling the chicken. Many, many compliments! We had made a donation to them for \$300 - that Julie said they would be donating to the seminarians. Very generous of them! And then we asked if they would be willing to grill again next year. Gary came in later and when asked, said yes they would do it! (Yay!)
- Next question - should we plan to do another fall dinner next year? Answer was yes. Trudy then produced a quilt that she found and is willing to donate for the quilt raffle. And Teresa said that she has one that she was hoping to donate too.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Guest Elaine Ricci, from St. Anthony's, talked about having a group CCW get together. Perhaps as a cluster we could rotate it - maybe have a potluck or something. We all agreed that it would be nice to get to know the other ladies better. So St. Anthony's CCW will host the first one and she will get back to us or put a note in the bulletin. She also shared that she is on the Evangelization committee and handed out a brochure to try to encourage more participation. There will be a combined Cluster Councils get together on Sat 18 Oct that will discuss survey results and strategies and at some point after that, there will be presentations at each parish to share the results.

- We need a new Fall Dinner sign for church lawn - The old one has badly deteriorated! Jean recommended using the school Fab Lab. They do great work and are inexpensive. Discussed possible design ideas. Jean has a contact in the school and will reach out to them.
- Trudy brought up a discussion about having a second signer for the checks. Teresa said that Deacon Steve Linton is already a second signer on the books. So not a problem at this time.
- Spaghetti Supper - Date - decided we wanted it before Lent begins so we don't interfere with area churches. Decided on Wed, 4 Feb 2026 and the snow date will be 11 Feb. We do have a gallon bag of left over deboned chicken, like last year, to use for our chicken alfredo sauce. We can discuss/plan more at the next meeting.
- Gary Herdahl (KC Grand Knight) visited us to discuss a couple things - one was the planning of a church grounds clean up. Originally they wanted to have it the 18th, but informed him of the meeting that Elaine Ricci discussed, so the back-up date is Sat, 25 Oct at 0900 am. Bring your own equipment/supplies to trim bushes, rake, etc. He will have them make an announcement at church.
- We don't usually meet in the winter months, but with the spaghetti dinner, we have our next meeting in Jan and the KCs have asked that, for the winter only, to move our meeting time to match theirs - 4pm. All agreed, good idea.

Jean Pabst made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Julie Herdahl seconded it. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.

Closing prayer was said.

Next meeting will be at 4pm on Monday, Jan 5th, 2026.
Mary Pletzer, CCW Secretary