

Women of Sacred Heart

Board Meeting

February 8, 2024

Minutes

In Attendance: Janet Duffy, Mary Stevens, Denise Price, Helen Walsh, Nancy Heilman, Donna Murray, Lea Brown, Christa Blake

Treasurer's Report Denise provided the current available balance for Elphie as \$15,075.82 and The WSH as \$6,342.22.

- In the past, outgoing WSH Presidents received a gift worth up to \$100. A discussion was held if this tradition should continue. The majority agreed that this should continue.
- Denise was able to recover the \$1,000 from the PCC deposit for the Holiday Luncheon.
- Nancy said that \$3,600 from the Elphie sale is still reserved for when the SJP Campaign starts.
- Nancy will need \$5,000 for the next Elphie sale expenses.

Membership Helen said we currently have 207 members, 14 new members, 113 paid dues, 64 paid for life membership, about 30 have not paid their dues. Helen will contact them to see if they are still interested in being members. Colleen Schlenker has been assisting Helen with the membership roster, being the Xcel whiz that she is.

Veteran's Baskets Lea made a sample Easter Basket to have on display for the General WSH meeting, as well as the gathering space before Masses. Lea received word from a parishioner who would like to donate \$500 for grocery gift cards that will be placed in the baskets. Ten \$50 cards will be purchased with this donation, WSH will also purchase \$25 grocery gift cards as well. Current thought is to use the \$50 ones for larger families. Lea submitted the notice for this event in the weekly bulletin.

50-50 Raffle Donna mentioned that all was going well with the raffle. Also, Haydee Coppola will be selling costume jewelry in the gathering space outside Founders Hall. She will provide several items to be raffled off, proceeds from the raffle will be donated to the WSH.

Golf Outing Kathy Flautt and her Golf committee, Anne Leonard, and Christa Blake, met to discuss the outing.

- There is a maximum of 48 players for 9 holes.
- Mulligans will be \$5, only one per player!

- Water Bottles will be placed in the carts for each player. These will be purchased by Mary and Janet.
- Snacks will also be placed in the carts, these will be purchased by Nancy and Lea.
- Cost is \$70 for Golf and Lunch, \$25 for lunch alone.
- All levels of golfers are welcome
- This event will take place on Wednesday, April 17, 2024.

March Lunch Lew Nuzzie will discuss LAMB for the March meeting. Lea will provide some fun with Irish Bingo.

Elphie Sale The greatest expense for the Elphie sale has been Storage Fees. Nancy is always on the lookout for storage space. Full garage, half garage, a shelf, she needs the space. Last year over \$4,000 was spent on storage rentals, Nancy is also meeting with the That Man is You group to see if she could recruit younger able-bodied men to help with moving furniture and so forth.

Miscellaneous For the April meeting, we are asking members to bring international Foods and desserts. We will need to let our wonderful kitchen volunteers know this in advance, for the crockpots and such. For our May meeting, Fr. Jay will be a co-celebrant, Denise and Lea will provide music, and lunch will be purchased through Panera. We will have a brief review from Denise and the golf outing. Installation of the new officers will take place. The WSH constitution and bylaws need to be updated with Fr. Forbes' approval.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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10:15 Meeting Commenced with the Pledge of allegiance, followed by the Memorare Prayer

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Elphie Sale and More Nancy Spoke about the Elphie Sale expenses. The greatest expense for the Elphie sale has been Storage Fees. Nancy is always on the lookout for storage space. Full garage, half garage, a shelf, she needs the space. Last year over \$4,000 was spent on storage rentals. Nancy said that \$3,600 from the Elphie sale is still reserved for when the SJP Campaign starts. Nancy will need \$5,000 for the next Elphie sale expenses.

Nancy also mentioned that WSH are first in line for the Village of Pinehurst **St. Patrick's Day Parade!** All WSH members are welcome to march behind the Sacred Heart Banner. The Parade will be on March 16th at 10:00am in the Village.

Kathy Wharton organized a very successful Baby Shower to benefit the Life Care Pregnancy Center in Carthage. Loads of diapers, clothing and baby accessories were donated.

- There were notecards on the table, Kathy asked us to write inspirational messages to women who are experiencing an unexpected pregnancy, or to write a note to Brianna.
- Baby Bingo! We played a round of Baby Bingo, instead of numbers there were baby necessities. Goodness gracious, there were so many items needed! Jill Crane was our bingo winner.

Life Sometimes is a Gift Unexpected

Life Care Pregnancy Center

Barbara Lamblin, Executive Director of the Life Care Pregnancy Center, Carthage spoke to the WSH about the services they provide.

- The Center offers confidential support for those having an unexpected pregnancy.
- The center has been open for 31 years.
- They have a staff of 6 full time workers, and about 35 volunteers.
- The center provides pregnancy tests, ultrasounds.
- Education classes are available both online and in person. Classes include pre-natal care, and Breastfeeding.
- Material assistance is provided until the child is 18 months of age. The center can provide diapers, clothes, formula, toys and so much more!
- Community Assistance, and adoption referrals can also be provided.
- Expectant fathers also have resources. There are classes available for the men in how to be supportive, aid in diaper changing, and caring for a baby.

Brianna came and gave an update on her son Ethan, who is now 15 months old. She is currently in her second semester of nursing school at Sandhills Community College. She and Ethan's father are reunited and are doing well. Brianna has 3 months left before she "graduates" from the center. She plans on still coming to the center to volunteer.

Basket Raffle Nicki Henry and Austine White were our raffle winners, CONGRATULATIONS!

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