

Women of Sacred Heart

Board Meeting

March 14, 2024

Minutes

In Attendance: Janet Duffy, Mary Stevens, Denise Price, Helen Walsh, Donna Murray, Lea Brown, Carol Meyers, Kathy Flautt, Christa Blake

Treasurer's Report Denise provided the current available balance for Elphie as \$15,075.82 and The WSH as \$8,172.57.

- Golf Outing deposit is \$1,540 as of today.
- Grocery Gift cards donated from the parish for the Easter Baskets for local Veterans brought in \$1,185.

Membership Helen said we need to do a formal vote during the General Meeting to increase the annual dues from \$15 to \$20. Also to vote on eliminating the Life Membership.

May Luncheon Will be held May 9th, 2024. This will be preceded with the Crowning of Mary by the outgoing WSH president Mary Stevens, and the incoming president, Janet Duffy as well as a Mass.

- Lea Brown will be the Cantor, Denise Price will be the Pianist. Christa Blake the Lector, and Nancy Heilman the EMHC.
- Lunch will be provided by Panera, for a cost of \$16.
- The WSH guests for the luncheon are Fr. John, Fr. Jay, Fr. Javier, Mary Round, Bill O'Brien Janell Myers, Jeanne Ryan, and Suzanne Wolonick.

50-50 Raffle Donna mentioned that all was going well with the raffle. Also, Haydee Coppola will again be selling jewelry and raffle some off. Today's 50/50 will also include a Bible that was decorated by Cara Mathis.

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, 42 are signed up.
- Fr. Forbes has been invited.
- Next year, checks for the outing should be mailed to the church office.
- 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.
- This event will take place on Wednesday, April 17, 2024.

Miscellaneous

- The Nominating Committee for the 2024-2025 Board is comprised of Patricia Diamond, Sue Ferretti, and Mary Flynn
- 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.
- Pictures taken at WSH events cannot be posted to the website unless Fr. Forbes approves them.
- Changing Destinies is a National Organization to help Women who have been exploited for human trafficking. This organization provides a place of refuge for sex trafficked women through a Christ-Centered program. Christine and Kim, from the Pinehurst Chapter, have asked the WSH to pray for the victims, and the volunteers. The 2024 USOPEN will see an influx of victims. NC ranks fourth in the Nation for Human trafficking.

Many thanks to the set-up and break-down crew: Sue Ferretti, Barb Lentz, Virginia Siefkes, and others who spontaneously jumped in to Help!

Respectfully Submitted,

Christa M. Blake

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General Meeting

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

Birthdays Happy Birthday was sung to Lew Nuzzie

Golf Kathy Flautt mentioned that there are 42 Players signed up for the April 17th Golf Outing. There is a maximum of 48. April 3rd is the cutoff date.

- 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.

Veteran's Baskets 41 Easter Baskets (update:48 baskets) for local veterans were collected on the stage, what a beautiful site! In addition, Grocery Gift cards donated from the parish for the Easter Baskets for local Veterans brought in \$1,185 (update: \$1,285).

Board Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee for the 2024-2025 Board is comprised of Patricia Diamond, Sue Ferretti, and Mary Flynn.

Bylaw Change: A formal floor vote was held to change the annual membership dues from \$15 to \$20. Also, a Life Membership will no longer be an option. There was a unanimous vote of Yea and there were no dissenting opinions.

LAMB Presentation – Lew Nuzzie: LAMB's story starts 64 years ago at a local North Carolina Knights of Columbus council of Bill Scott. Bill and his wife Maureen had two children with intellectual disabilities. They experienced first-hand the desperate need to help fund facilities schools and organizations that cared for, educated, and, supported people like their children, Bill's idea grew, and by 1974 he enlisted the help of fellow state officers to present his program to the local Knights of Columbus councils across North Carolina. The idea was simple, if each local council collected funds on an entirely volunteer basis all of the money raised could go directly to where it was needed most to schools and institutions that cared for people with intellectual disabilities. The program operation LAMB was unanimously approved and adopted. The Knights of Columbus across the state wore iconic yellow aprons and handed out Tootsie

rolls to raise money for LAMB which is an acronym derived from the biblical phrase in Matthew to serve the least among my brethren. Today, North Carolina has 130 councils with more than 16,000 members who take to streets and storefronts at various times throughout the year offering Tootsie rolls to passersby for voluntary donations. A substantial portion of the funds raised also comes from the generous donations of local corporations and individuals to help sponsor the North Carolina Special Olympics. In addition to scheduling storefront or grocery store donations, many councils had successful fundraisers consisting of take-home dinners. At Sacred Heart, our council decided to raise funds through take home dinners. We approached various restaurants to ask about purchasing chili, fish, or sauces for our fundraiser. When we asked Valenti's Italian restaurant in Vass, Adam Valenti offered to donate his marinara sauce for free if we furnish the containers. We were overwhelmed! We approached Harris Teeter, Walmart, Food Lion, and Lowe's for quantity discounts on 1 LB boxes of spaghetti. All were generous. When you shop at these merchants, take a minute to ask for the manager and thank them for supporting the Knights of Columbus and their fundraisers. In addition, LAMB receives annual donations from the Women of the Sacred Heart for which we are truly appreciative. We Thank You!

Saint Patrick: We had a special visitor to our General Meeting – St. Patrick Himself! Photo-ops and hugs Galore! (many thanks to Stu Heilman)

Basket Raffle In addition to our regular 50/50 raffle, a beautiful Bible, decorated by Cara Mathis was raffled, Janet Duffy was the lucky winner. For the 50/50 raffle our winners were Karen Chavez and Micki Henry.

March Soups: Many thanks to the women who brought their delicious soups! Lea Brown, Ann Trurne, Anne Donnelly, Sandy LaComb, Kathy Wharton, and Nancy Heilman.

Easter Baskets for Local Veterans: Sandi Carl, a representative of Military Missions In Action came to pick up the baskets and express her gratitude to the WSH. Founded in 2008 Military Missions in Action (MMIA) is dedicated to assisting Veterans with disabilities, homeless Veterans and members of the Armed Forces, and their families. They help to provide food, furniture, clothing, build wheelchair ramps and so much more.

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