

Women coming together in Faith, Community and Friendship COTR Women's Group 2022 December 5, 2022 –

Meeting Minutes

Anne Jackson opened the meeting at 7:02pm with a prayer provided by Suanne Gettings. This Christmas Prayer consisted of a poem by Robert Louis Stevenson. There were 45 ladies present for tonight's meeting.

Anne led the group in the Blessing before a Meal, and then directed everyone to line up for the Christmas dinner of Lasagna from Carfagnas being provided by the Women's Group.

Following the dinner, the meeting resumed at 7:33pm.

COMMUNICATIONS: Adora Gallagher & Joanne Turner

- Susan Vargo made a motion to accept the November meeting minutes as written. Patti Kenehan seconded the motion. **THE MOTION PASSED.**
- There were no communications to be read tonight.
- Adora announced the creation of a new COTR Women's Group Facebook Page. Members may join by request and approval of the website administrators, Adora Gallagher and/or Anne Jackson. The group's page name is "COTR Women's Group."
- Joanne Turner is retiring at the end of this year. Discussion will be held under Old Business concerning her possible replacement.

FINANCE: Susan Vargo

- Susan Vargo reported that as of yesterday, all the accounts balanced with the bank.
- St James The Less collection tonight totaled \$59.00.

EDUCATION

- Anne mentioned that the current plan for the January 9th meeting is to celebrate with a New Year's Party. Plan to bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre to share. Women's Group will provide some sort of bubbly drink, or you may bring your own. We plan to play card games.
- Anne pointed out that January 9th is the scheduled date for the College National Championship game. We will keep you posted if any adjustments will be made to the meeting.
- Judy Howard has retired from her position as Education Chair. This position is an appointed position. Virginia Braun has agreed to chair the Education Committee. Carlene Tucker has agreed to assist Virginia.

MEMBERSHIP: Janice Smith-Savage & Joyce Smith

- There were no new members present tonight.
- Janice reported that WG currently has 118 members. There are also 58 individuals who are inactive, i.e. they have not paid for 2023. Out of the 58 inactive members, there is one person who has paid, but is not active.

• There were seven ladies with birthdays in December. One of those ladies was present. The entire group sang "Happy Birthday!"

SERVICE: Rae Mooney (absent) and Barb Worls (absent)

- Marg Barber reported that she mailed two Sympathy Cards. There were no Get Well cards mailed in November.
- Anne drew Mary Anne Jacobs name for the St. James the Less Food Pantry Drawing. Mary Anne won \$10 in cash.
- Patti Kenehan spoke to the ladies concerning the February Blankets for Love project. WG had requested ladies to purchase felt/fleece material. However, shortly following our November meeting, an individual from a JoAnn Fabric store called Patti and asked her if she would be interested in a large donation of fleece. Patti (with help from her husband, Doug) rented a U-Haul, and ended up with 26 boxes of fleece. Patti went through the boxes and has 46 sets of fleece for the WG project. The remainder of the fleece will be used by the Little Dresses for Love program of which Patti is a member.
 - A hand count was taken of those present to determine who had already purchased their fleece. WG has enough fleece to make more than the 60 blankets originally planned for.
- Ladies were advised not to purchase any additional fleece. The ladies were reminded they would need to bring scissors to the February meeting for the Blankets for Love project.
- Both Virginia Braun and Peggy Kehres both asked Patti is she had any fleece that the Creed program could use. Patti assured them she would be happy to find what they needed.
- Rae Mooney is retiring as Service Chair, but Barb Worls will continue.

SOCIAL: Marcia Vargo & Leslie Kollar

- Marcia thanked the ladies who assisted with set-up tonight. Those ladies were: Marg Barber, Patti Kenehan, Leslie Kollar, and Marilyn Mayer. There is a need to help with the clean-up following tonight's meeting.
- On the table, there are sheets to sign up to help for the January meeting set up, and clean up.
- There is also a sheet to list what you might bring to the January meeting. This will help Marcia to be sure there is not a lot of duplicate hors d'oeuvres.
- There are new books on the shelves that someone contributed. Feel free to take more than one book.
- There are containers provided to enable any ladies to take home some of the left over items from tonight's wonderful dinner.
- Anne expressed our gratitude to Marcia for handling all of the arrangements for tonight's dinner.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Vicky Maynard has expressed interest in serving as the Secretary for the Women's Group. Anne asked if there was anyone else who is interested in the position. There were no other nominations. Susan Vargo made a motion that Vicky Maynard serve as the Secretary for the Women's Group. Donna Andriot seconded the motion. A vote by acclamation was asked for by Anne, with a show of hands. Vicky Maynard is approved as the secretary for the Women's Group.
- Anne mentioned that during the August meeting WG usually offers a book review. She asked the ladies if they would be interested in hosting an author for that meeting. The ladies expressed interest in this idea. Anne happens to know an author, Susie Newman who recently published, Eating Yellow Paint. She recommended that we all read the book prior to the August meeting, and Anne will confirm Susie's availability for our August meeting.
- Sean Morrisey stopped Anne prior to the meeting to thank the Women's Group for assisting with the Knight's Breakfast with Santa program. Sean indicated there were 166 kids present. Peggy Kehres said that there were 268 pictures taken by the Knights.

NEW BUSINESS:

• Anne started the discussion for the \$500 the Women's Group annually gave to a family in need from the parish during December. The family does not need our assistance this year. Therefore, Anne recommended that we divide the \$500 over three different projects that have recently come up. There was discussion held on each of the three projects as follows:

Adopting a Family – The Church of the Resurrection has three families who are in need of assistance this year. A shopping list of requested items was given to Anne. This one family has three children ages 7, 9 and 14. Adora Gallagher and Virginia Braun have agreed to shop for the gifts for this family. Up to \$250 in expense.

Giving Tree – The Church of the Resurrection is also sponsoring a "Giving Tree". They are asking only for monetary donations, as the office will purchase all of the gift cards at once from either Kroger or Meijers. \$100 donation.

Project Emmanuel – Two parishioners, Sandra Terrilla Jacobs and Paula Trybus, have requested monetary donations to help with this project. Project Emmanuel is connected with Run the Race Charity and this project will enable the participating children to "purchase" jewelry as gifts for their mothers (or their female guardians). The jewelry is hand made by Sandra's daughter and the monies collected will defray the cost of materials needed. After further discussion, the donation would be \$150.

Donna Andriot made a motion that the Women's Group donate funds as discussed for the three programs. Cindy Pitt seconded the motion. **THE MOTION PASSED.**

Door Prizes: There were seven door prizes awarded tonight. The winners were; Carletta Curley, Patti Kenehan, Peggy Kehres, Reba Teiga, Brenda Graf, Mary Anne Jacobs, and Leslie Kollar.

Next Meeting: Anne reminded the ladies about our January 9, 2023 meeting. It will begin at 7:00pm in the Ministry Center. This will be a New Year's Eve Party. Plan to bring hors d'oeuvres to share. Women's Group will provide bubbly, or you may bring your own beverage. The plan is to play cards and socialize.

The meeting closed at 8:11 pm and was followed by our Wacky Gift Exchange Game.

Thank you for attending tonight's meeting!

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by, Joanne Turner, Co-communications Chair Church of the Resurrection Women's Group



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As a service to the Church of the Resurrection, Women's Group send cards to parishioners/families who have lost a loved one, or they are hospitalized. Marg Barber normally obtains the names of these individuals from the church office. But, if you become aware of someone in need of a card, you may call/text or email Marg directly.

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In addition, Dianna Hall sends homemade cards to Women's Group members who are homebound or living in nursing homes. Dianna sends holiday, birthday, or thinking of you cards throughout the year. Rae maintains a list of Women's Group Members who need this service. **Contact Rae** if you are aware of someone who is a WG Member and in need of a card.