



Women coming together in Faith, Community and Friendship

**COTR Women's Group 2023
November 6, 2023 – 7:00pm in the ORL Chapel
Meeting Minutes**

WELCOME: Anne Jackson

Anne Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:05pm by welcoming everyone and lead us in an Advent prayer provided by Suanne Gettings. Anne noted that Suanne Gettings, the scheduled speaker, had canceled due to a death in her family. Brad Romantic graciously agreed to do the Advent presentation. There were 21 women attending tonight's meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS: Adora Gallagher & Vicky Maynard

- Leslie Kollar made a motion to accept the October, 2023 meeting minutes as written. Susan Vargo seconded the motion. **THE MOTION PASSED.**
- There were no communications to be shared.
- The bulletin board has been updated with information about our Advent By Candlelight Event.
- Anne reminded members to join the 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.**" A link to this page is available on the COTR website.

FINANCE: Susan Vargo

- Susan Vargo reported that all the accounts balanced with the bank. Susan also gave a tentative report on deposits made from the bazaar and will give a complete report next month.
- Susan reported that for the 2024 Holly Day Bazaar door admission will increase to \$3.00 and vendor space will increase to \$60.00.
- There was no St. James the Less collection tonight.

EDUCATION: Virginia Braun

- Anne reminded us that the December 4th meeting is the Women's Group Annual Catered Christmas Dinner and crazy gift exchange game. Lasagna dinner will be catered by Carfagnas, cake will be provided for dessert, and Sneaky Petes will be available for holiday cheer! The entire dinner is sponsored by the Women's Group and all members are welcome. If you want to participate in the crazy gift game, bring an enticingly wrapped \$5.00 gift. You do not have to play the crazy gift exchange game to attend the dinner.
- December 9th is the Advent By Candlelight Event. Flyers are available on the information table. Sign up to host a table!

MEMBERSHIP: Janice Smith-Savage & Joyce Smith

- No new members were introduced.
- WG currently has 130 active members and 54 paid members. Active members are those that have paid the \$5 annual dues for 2024 and/or attend meetings.
- There were eleven members with birthdays in November. A few of the birthday girls were present. The entire group sang "Happy Birthday!"

SERVICE: Barb Worls

- There was no St. James the Less Food Pantry Drawing at this meeting.
- Anne Jackson requested a volunteer to serve as a facilitator for the Women's Group car pool. This will entail recruiting and matching drivers with women needing rides to the Women's Group meetings.
- Barb Worls is stepping down from the Service Chair position. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to fill this open spot.
- Rachel's House is a supportive housing program serving female ex-offenders directly following incarceration. The Women's Group, as a service project in February, will be requesting donations of new or gently used soft duffle and make-up bags for these women to use as overnight bags on weekend family visits. We are planning on filling the bags with donated toiletries and feminine hygiene products. Please start collecting sample sizes and bags.

SOCIAL: Marcia Vargo & Leslie Kollar

- Marcia Vargo reported that the December meeting set up volunteer sheet is on the table. Since it is the Annual Catered Christmas Dinner, volunteers should arrive at 6:15 pm.
- Marcia Vargo is stepping down from the Social Chair position. A volunteer is needed to partner with Leslie Kollar and fill this spot.
- The Women's Group is considering a bus trip to the Museum of Catholic Art and History during the Nativities from Around the World exhibit on display from November 24, 2023 - January 8, 2024. A small bus which seats about twenty passengers is \$366.00. More plans and details to follow.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Anne reported that the Bake Sale Chair and Door Chair positions for the HollyDay Craft Bazaar are open. Prayerfully consider volunteering for one of these positions.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Anne Jackson reported that a sign up sheet is on the table for volunteer servers at the Breakfast with Santa event on December 2 in the Social Hall. Joyce Smith made a motion to donate \$300.00 to purchase Secret Santa gifts for the Breakfast with Santa. Vicky Maynard seconded the motion. **THE MOTION PASSED.**
- Leslie Kollar made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Knights of Columbus for their Coats for Kids fundraiser. Janice Smith-Savage seconded the motion. **THE MOTION PASSED.**
- Mary Delaney made motion to donate \$500.00 to a parish family in need, and to donate \$300.00 to the Emmanuel Project (or another organization requesting a donation). Rae Mooney seconded the motion. **THE MOTION PASSED.**
- The Women's Group Meeting on December 4, is our annual catered Christmas Dinner and crazy gift exchange game in the Ministry Center at 7:00pm.

DOOR PRIZES:

There were no door prizes awarded tonight.

TONIGHT'S PRESENTATION:

Tonights meeting featured a beautiful and reflective Advent Presentation by Brad Romantic.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Women's Group Meeting is the Annual Christmas Dinner and Crazy Gift Exchange Game on December 4, at 7:00pm in the Ministry Center. If you want to participate in the crazy gift exchange game please bring a \$5.00 enticingly wrapped gift. You do not have to participate in the game to attend the dinner.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm.

Thank you for attending tonight's meeting!

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Vicky Maynard, Communications Co-Chair
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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. **Contact Barb Worls** if you are aware of someone who is a WG Member in need of a card.