



**Women coming together in Faith, Community and Friendship**

**COTR Women's Group 2024  
January 8, 2024 – 7:00pm in the Ministry Center  
Meeting Minutes**

**WELCOME:** Anne Jackson

Anne Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:01pm by introducing herself and welcoming everyone. Anne lead us in a prayer provided by Suanne Gettings followed by the Our Father. There were 27 women attending tonight's meeting.

Anne asked the newly elected and appointed officers and chairpersons to come forward for the Installation of Officers & Chairpersons ceremony, facilitated by Judy Howard. The 2024 COTR Women's Group Officers are as follows:

- General Chairperson - Anne Jackson
- Finance Chairperson - Susan Vargo
- Communication Co-Chairs - Adora Gallagher & Vicky Maynard
- Service Chairperson - Virginia Braun
- Education Chairperson - Christina Hefty
- Membership Co-Chairs - Joyce Smith & Janice Smith-Savage
- Social Co-Chairs - Leslie Kollar & Peggy Kehres

Anne recognized the 2023 officers and chairpersons and presented them with a gift in appreciation. Anne also introduced the recently retired officers, Marcia Vargo and Barb Worls (absent). She thanked them for their many years of service and presented them with a retirement gift.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Adora Gallagher & Vicky Maynard

- Susan Vargo made a motion to accept the December, 2023 meeting minutes as written and located on the table. Janice Smith-Savage seconded the motion. **THE MOTION PASSED.**
- There were no communications to be shared.
- The bulletin board has been updated for the New Year.
- 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.
- The fourth quarter donation check for St. James the Less for \$304.00 will be written and mailed out tonight.
- Susan stated she will prepare the 2023 books for audit. If anyone is interested in serving on the Finance Committee, please see Susan.

- Tonight's St. James the Less collection totaled \$40.00.

**EDUCATION:** Christina Hefty

- Virginia Braun has moved to the Service Chair and Christina Hefty has volunteered to fill the Education Chair position.
- If anyone has any ideas for meeting presentations for 2024, please see Christina.
- Christina reported that Emmalyn Jerome from Lower Lights Ministries - Rachel's House is the speaker for the Women's Group February Meeting. We will be presenting her with the donated duffle bags and hygiene products. Christina and Virginia had sample duffle bags to show ordered from Amazon. The links to purchase these bags are posted on the Women's Group Facebook Page.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Janice Smith-Savage & Joyce Smith

- No new members were introduced.
- WG currently has 132 active members. Active members are those that have paid the \$5 annual dues for 2024 and/or attend meetings.
- There were nine members with birthdays in January. A few of the birthday girls were present. The entire group sang "Happy Birthday!"

**SERVICE:** Virginia Braun

- Barb Worls stepped down from the Service Chair position and Virginia Braun has moved to that position from Education Chair.
- Joanne Turner was selected as winner of the St. James the Less Food Pantry Drawing. Joanne won \$10.00 in cash and graciously donated it back to St. James.
- Marg Barber reported that she had sent one sympathy card to a parishioner. In the past eighteen months Barb has sent out 91 get well or sympathy cards.
- Dianna Hall reported that she has sent out sixteen homemade cards to three parishioners that are either housebound or in a nursing care facility.
- Virginia reminded us of our service project in February donating duffle bags and hygiene products to female residents at the Lower Lights Ministries-Rachel's House to use as overnight bags on weekend family visit. We will be requesting donations from the parish, of new soft duffle and make-up bags and hygiene products. Volunteers are needed to collect donations from the boxes in the Gathering Space after all masses on Jan. 20\21 and Jan. 27\28. Sign up to volunteer on Sign Up Genuis.
- Virginia reported that the Women's Group will be assembling Easter Baskets again this year! Virginia would like to meet with members that have participated in this service project in the past for ideas and advice at 6:00pm on February 5, before the Women's Group Meeting. All women from the parish will be invited to help assemble the baskets.

**SOCIAL:** Leslie Kollar & Peggy Kehres

- Marcia Vargo stepped down from the Social Chair position and Peggy Kehres has volunteered to partner with Leslie Kollar and fill this spot.
- The book cart is filled with many books, take and keep as many as you like.
- Sign up sheets for February set up & clean up are on the table.
- The Women's Group will be celebrating the New Year at the Mellow Mushroom in New Albany on Tuesday, January 30 at 6:00pm. RSVP on the Women's Group Facebook Page or contact Leslie or Peggy.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- The Women's Group, as a service project in February, will be requesting donations from the parish, of new or gently used soft duffle and make-up bags for women residents at the Lower Lights Ministries-Rachel's House to use as overnight bags on weekend family visits. We are planning on filling the bags with donated toiletries and feminine hygiene products. Volunteers are needed to

collect donations from the boxes in the Gathering Space after all masses on Jan. 20\21 and Jan. 27\28.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Anne Jackson reported that the next Executive Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, 2024. Please give any ideas or concerns to a Chairperson to add to the agenda.
- Patty Kenehan requested a \$250.00 donation from the Women's Group for a Back In His Arms Again fundraising event. This organization assists families through the loss of a child. Patty would like to make two gift baskets for the event's silent auction. The event, An Evening With Back In His Arms Again, is scheduled for April 18 at 7:00pm at the Everal Barn in Westerville. Light food, wine, silent auction, and raffles are planned. Carletta Curley made a motion to donate \$250.00 to Patty Kenehan, to make gift baskets for the Back In His Arms Again fundraising event. Donna Andriot seconded the motion. **THE MOTION PASSED.**

**2024 TOAST:**

- Anne Jackson asked everyone to help themselves to a bubbly beverage for the New Year's Countdown and Toast!

**DOOR PRIZES:**

There were three door prizes awarded tonight. The winners were; Julie Greer, Marg Barber, and Joyce Smith.

**TONIGHT'S PRESENTATION:**

Tonight's activity was Bubbly, Friendship and Games!

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next Women's Group Meeting is the Service Project with Rachel's House on February 5, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Ministry Center. The Easter Basket Service Project planning meeting is at 6:00pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm, game time followed.

**Thank you for attending tonight's meeting!**

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,  
Vicky Maynard, Communications Co-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.

**Marg Barber – 614-202-0153 – mmb7284@gmail.com**

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 Words** if you are aware of someone who is a WG Member in need of a card.