

PARISH SOCIETY MEETING
March 17, 2025
Approved Minutes

Officers present:

Lindsey Courtney, President
Toni Brummund, Treasurer

Gabrielle Pioske, Vice President
Denise Awender, Secretary

Members present:

Cathy Iverson Megan Gross Jessica Peterkovic

Opening prayer for Cindy's mom was said by Lindsey.

Secretary's report

- February's minutes were made available on the church's website prior to our meeting.
- Gabrielle made a motion and Megan seconded to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's report

- Bill to Miller's grocery store has been paid; however, payment date is listed as February 4. Questioning if should be March 4. Still waiting for a bill from the Butcher Shop.
- Some of the recent receipts received from Jane are for religious education and not Parish Society.
- Current balance is \$4896.59.
- Megan made a motion to accept the treasurer's report; Denise seconded.

Standing Committee Reports

Funeral

- No funerals in the past month
- The phone list, which is used to call for assistance serving and providing bars for funerals, will be updated this fall.

Special Meals

- March's brunch had a good turnout. We have volunteers for next month's brunch.
- Soup and sandwiches were served at the first Lenten meal on March 12; served around fifty people. Tator tot hotdish will be served at the upcoming Lenten meal on March 19. CYO students are assisting on two nights. There will also be meals on March 26 and April 2.
- First Reconciliation retreat was March 8, and a meal with BBQs was served.
- Upcoming events:
 - Seder meal on April 9
 - Confirmation on May 4 – will be held in Lisbon this year
 - Last day of Sunday School on May 5 – will have breakfast brunch

Kitchen

- We have enough kitchen towels but need to label the bins, so that nicer towels are used for dishes and not floor spills.

Safety

- No updates

Bylaws

- No updates

Welcoming Committee

- At last month's meeting, the decision was made to welcome new members in front of the parish on Brunch Sundays. Some of our new members have already received a blessing and their baskets, but we want to present them that day too. We discussed this procedure and will start on Sunday, April 6. Jeanne and Denise will call the members ahead of time.
- We would like a permanent note in the bulletin to inform new members to contact the office if interested in joining our parish family.
- The baskets and new/gently used items have been donated by Guelph on the Shuelph. We are running low on items for the baskets. Megan made a motion to allow the co-chairs to purchase items as needed for the baskets. Toni seconded it. All were in favor.
- Megan suggested a table to welcome new members. A QR code could be available to register. Father would like to see a bulletin board that displays our new members.

Unfinished Business

- Brochure for St. Charles – Megan volunteered to take new pictures for our brochure.
- Stella Gebhardt – Baptism date is set for Easter Sunday.
- Food Pantry – opportunity to be a volunteer, reach out to Lindsey to do so
- Food Drive – suggestion was made last month to post specific needs, runs until the end of March
- Possibly adding a new committee for hospitality visits – Cindy was not present, tabled until fall
- Spring BINGO – Decision was made to hold BINGO without baskets this year. Tentative date is Friday, May 2; we will check with Father Tim. As required, a gaming permit will be obtained from City Hall.

New Business

- Sacramental gifts – Lindsey will purchase age-appropriate gifts as needed.

Next meeting

- Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 23 at 5:30 pm. Closing prayer was recited by the group.