

Women of Pax Leadership Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 18, 2023
Pax Christi Catholic Church

The Women of Pax Leadership Board met at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at Pax Christi. The following people were in attendance: Janet Graves, Mary Mataitis, Carol O'Connor, Sandy Timm, and Maxine Trolander.

Maxine opened the meeting.

Note: in order to accommodate schedules, we are meeting Wednesday morning in the church instead of our regularly scheduled 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm.

Minutes: Mary presented the minutes from the November 15 meeting. They were approved as presented.

Note: We did not meet in person in December, 2022. The following business was done via email:

Mary sent out an email reminding WOP about the joint Pizza party with the MOP and attending the Lourdes concert. Email included an invitation to bring goodies to go along with the pizza, if they wish. As in the past, WOP will provide pizzas for the musicians for their after-concert pizza party.

Financial Report: Janet presented the following: On October 31, our balance \$3471.39. We received interest income of \$.83 and two funeral stipends of funeral stipends of \$150 each for a total of \$300. We contributed \$155.93 towards the Thanksgiving dinner at High Pointe, 100 for a stipend to Ben Peters for a presentation at the Advent Retreat; \$116.47 for food and supplies for the Retreat; \$65.93 for pizza for students after the Lourdes concert; \$350 for gifts to our current and retired priests. Our balance on December 29 was \$2983.92.

Old Business: The Pizza Party prior to the Lourdes Concert was very well attended. Carol, Sandy and Maxine served the students and did cleanup. There was general agreement that purchasing pizzas from HyVee for the students and baking them at Pax worked well. We are grateful to Mark Mareel for purchasing them for us.

New Business:

- ◆ February 7 Meeting: Father Michael agreed to speak at this meeting. Mary has contacted him and is waiting for a final confirmation. We will begin with Social Time at 6:30 and begin at 7:00 with announcements followed by Father Michael.
- ◆ Once Mary receives confirmation from Father Michael, she will ask the Bulletin Editor to put an announcement in the Pax Bulletin. She will also send an email to the Women of Pax list to invite all to come.
- ◆ Request for financial assistance: Mark Mareel forwarded a request from a Pax Christi parishioner, currently a first year medical student, who is trying to raise money for Focus mission trip during her spring break. We discussed this and decided to refer to guidelines we had written in October of 2017. Based on these guidelines we decided not to support her as a group. If individual members want to donate, that is always their option.

The guidelines are attached to these minutes.

- ◆ March Soup Luncheon on March 7. Carol agreed to lead this again. Maxine suggested that since we usually participate in Catholic Charities Diaper Drive, that we invite those attending to bring items with them to the soup luncheon. We will put the announcement in the Bulletin stating all Pax women are invited. We will also invite all of the parish staff and priests. Our debriefing notes from last year are attached at the end of the minutes.
- ◆ Future Meetings
As in the past, we will again do the Catholic Social Services Diaper Drive in March. The first Tuesday in April is during Holy Week so we decided not to meet in April.
- ◆ Since Confirmation is on April 21, we will probably be asked to provide a reception.
- ◆ We did not make any specific plans for May 2 and June 6, though we would like to continue our tradition of praying the Rosary in the Grotto. We would also like to consider collecting items for a group such as Saint Vincent de Paul or Birthright.
- ◆ Other Business
Maxine brought up the need for more volunteers on the Leadership Board and the possibility of someone else being willing to serve as president. After she shared her future plans, Carol O'Connor volunteered to be president. Janet and Mary agreed to continue as treasurer and secretary.

Next Board Meeting

- ◆ Our next meeting will be scheduled in the third week of February.
- ◆ Carol led us in a closing prayer at 12:45 p.m.

Mary Mataitis
Secretary

Guidelines for Donations

Since we often receive requests for donations, we decided to establish some criteria to help us make decisions. Our mission is to build and grow the fellowship of all parishioners and to serve the parish wherever we are needed. After discussion, we agreed to the following general guidelines. We will continue to refine these as we work with them.

- We will continue to provide assistance to parish groups that need help. For example, the Prayer Shawl Group and Rosary Makers.
- Our first priority is to assist parish and local groups that help women and children. In the past, for example, we have contributed to Birthright of Rochester.
- We will consider other requests on an individual basis, always considering whether the request is true to our mission.

Debriefing Notes from Soup Luncheon

We should do this again! We served 36 people, including Mary and Henry. We should continue to invite the Pax staff -- we had five of them attend.

We probably only needed four crock pots of soup. We shouldn't worry about running out because people will still get something to eat. We ran out of chicken wild rice, so maybe should do two next time. The broccoli cheese, squash, and potato leek were very popular. The gluten-free, dairy free options were much appreciated. We had a lot of leftover buns and crackers, but we know people ate the buns. We could do with fewer of each. In our announcement/flyer, we should note that Gluten Free and Vegetarian soups are available