

**Women of Pax Leadership Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 6, 2022
Pax Christi Catholic Church**

The Women of Pax Leadership Board met at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at Pax Christi. The following people were in attendance: Janet Graves, Beth Kosta, Mary Mataitis, Carol O'Connor, Sandy Timm, and Maxine Trolander.

Maxine opened the meeting.

Minutes: Mary presented the minutes from the April 21 meeting. They were approved as corrected.

Financial report: Janet Graves emailed the financial reports for April through August, 2022. Our balance on March 31 was \$2086.19. We had interest income from April-August of \$2.00. We received funeral stipends of \$1125.00. Expenses included \$18.96 for the ice cream social in June and a farewell gift of \$25.00 to Father Haremza. Our balance as of August 31 was \$3168.97.

Updates: May and June

- ◆ **May Meeting:** We joined the Men of Pax for our May Meeting. MJ Jones shared the results of the Pax Synod Sessions which she organized and facilitated. The Men provided pizza and The Women of Pax provided other items.
- ◆ **Confirmation Reception:** On Friday, May 13, we provided a reception for the newly confirmed members of Pax Christi and Saints Peter and Paul. It was very successful. See the attached notes for details for the future.
- ◆ **Meeting for Funeral Workers:** On Monday, May 23, at 9:30, we had a meeting for current and future funeral workers. We reviewed procedures and discussed safe practices for preparing and serving food. Thirty-two volunteers attended the meeting.
- ◆ **June Meeting:** Our June meeting took place on June 7. We shared individual ice cream treats outside before praying the Rosary together in the Grotto.

New Business

- ◆ **Possible Baby Shower for Brigitte**
Mary Hines approached MJ Jones and asked her if we would be willing to organize a shower for Brigitte. She said she has so many fond memories of showers for her babies and thinks it would be a wonderful way to honor Brigitte. If we want to do this, might it be possible to do it at our October 4th meeting. After much discussion, we decided this was not something we should do. Since Mary M thought that Mary Hines was interested in a smaller shower, Mary agreed to contact Mary Hines and suggest she have a smaller shower herself. Some of us might be willing to help as individuals (not part of the group).
- ◆ **Assisting Michelle Todd with food for Catechesis of Good Shepherd training:**
Michelle is going to co-host a Level I training program for the entire Diocese. It will consist of 90 hours over three weekends for part A, which will be at Pax. She is hoping that the WOP can help provide snacks on Friday night, and breakfast and lunch for all participants on Saturday. She would purchase the food. She said it would be similar to the way we used to

help with the Faith Formation meals on Wednesday evenings. Mary and Carol did the major meal preparation for Wednesdays with help from others for serving and cleaning. Although they enjoyed this, they do not believe they are capable of doing this any more. We discussed other ways we could help and decided we could offer to contact the Pax Bakers and ask them to bring bars and/or cookies on the specified weekends to help with the meals.

◆ **October Meeting**

Since we decided not to do a baby shower, we need a program for October 4th . We decided to ask Father Churchill if he would be ready to speak. (Mary agreed to email him.) If he is not available, we thought that a craft project might be a good way to start the year. Sandy agreed to check with Stephen Rose who has done art projects with us in the past.

◆ **Advent Retreat**

Beth shared that she is working on plans for the Advent Retreat that is scheduled for December 3rd. She is considering two speakers for the program. We are hoping that we are able to serve a light brunch in McCauley Hall which is reserved along with the church and kitchen.

Next Board Meeting

- ◆ Our next meeting will be during the third week of October. We will pick time and location later.
- ◆ Carol led us in a closing prayer.

Mary Mataitis
Secretary

Confirmation Reception Review

May 13, 2022

We had a wonderful group of volunteers to help, both in the afternoon and evening!

What went well:

- ▶ The decorations were very impressive. Maxine and Beth have talents and skills I lack. (And I still can't believe that Beth inflated all of those balloons herself!) When Father Sauer came down, he was very amazed since he had not realized we did this.
- ▶ We had everything we needed. The red tablecloths came in time. Beth found the plates, cups, napkins, forks, and flowers that we needed. Maxine brought all of the various decorative items that made the tables look so festive.
- ▶ We had enough cake, and more than enough punch. .Based on the number of cake pieces served from the table (not counting the second pieces that we passed around on trays), only 150 people came for food and beverage. I saw several families I knew who came to pick up their gifts and certificates and then left. (It was a wonderful idea to have them set out them on a separate table.)

What we could change for another year:

- ▶ Timing of second shift: As we sat waiting for the newly confirmed and family to come downstairs, we discussed whether we should start the evening shift later. Pros: it would

make for a shorter evening; Cons: Volunteers might be less apt to come at a later time. This is something worse discussing.

- ▶ How much punch should we make? I had planned for 200 guests based on 44 confirmation students multiplied by 4.5 to allow for sponsors and family members. I had planned for 12 gallons of punch which would have allowed about 256 servings of 6 ounces each. We ended up with 4 gallons of punch left over. That worked out well this year since they were able to use the remaining punch for the Catechist Appreciations Dinner the next night. I'm not sure that will always be the case, but it is hard to know how many people will come.
- ▶ When should we make the punch? We made most of it in the afternoon and then some more in the evening. This allowed us to chill it thoroughly before adding it to the punch bowls using less ice. However, we could make more of it in the evening and immediately chill it in the freezer.