

SJTW Women's Group Minutes for September Meeting

September 10, 2016

- Meeting was called to order by President Barbara Callan at 10 A.M.
- Fifteen members were present.
- Father John led us in a prayer.
- Secretary Terrie Lewey read the April 16th minutes (last meeting before summer break) and the minutes were accepted and archived.
- Treasurer's report was read by Barbara Callan (Nancy McHugh, treasurer was absent) stating an **ending balance of \$3,762.88** with the only withdrawal a check to Father PJ of \$400.00 as a parting gift. Treasurer's report accepted and archived.

Old Business

- **Italian/Polish Dining Out** – with enough parish support, our group will proceed with plans for the October 15th event. Time will be from 5PM to 7PM and it will take place in the parish hall.
 - Menu was determined with Italian and Polish dishes and desserts. Drinks include coffee, tea, water and BYOB
 - Dishes: Polish sausage and sauerkraut, stuffed cabbage, lasagna, thin spaghetti and meatballs, chicken pesto, Italian sausage and peppers, salad and bread, desserts. Members present volunteered to cook certain dishes and Barbara maintains a list of assignments.
 - Set-up will be Saturday October 15th – our regular monthly meeting date. Please come and help set up and decorate. It should take less than two hours if enough members come. Return to the hall after 3:30 P.M. with food and drinks but before 4:30 P.M.
 - Tickets- Jan Aleska printed 100 tickets and members took tickets to sell. Some tickets will be sold after masses and some will be in the church office. Sale of tickets will end on October 9th. Monies may be returned to Jan or Nancy. Please get any unsold tickets back to Jan so that others may sell them.
- Visiting homebound parish members- Marion Crocker reported one parishioner who is on hospice. Members present will keep this person in their prayers.
- Grotto update- the harsh dry summer and a plant blight has destroyed much of our plants and bushes. Removing dead plantings and replacing with new is recommended for next Spring. Barbara suggested that a portion of our budget be reserved solely for this project and that a nursery be hired to do the work. It was suggested that hiring qualified parish members for this project be an option. More one this endeavor as we get closer to spring planting time.
- Update on Community Potluck (aka Feed the Hungry)- With decreased parish members involved in this outreach and what seems to be lagging interest and real support, Barbara suggests that we step back from the project and reassess our role. She asked the director to take us off the next rotation. She encourages any members who feel an affinity for this outreach to contact Gail Henley and volunteer on their own. If there should be a core group of church members who want to commit to this project and move forward with it in the future,

they may want to ask and gain support from the church community as a whole rather than limit to the women's group. That may be a more successful approach.

- Book Club- selection for October is *When We Meet Again* by Kristen Harmel. A date will be announced at a later time.

New Business

- **Advent Tea** - we are still waiting to get 8 tables with hostesses to continue plans for the Tea. We have 4 confirmed at this point. We will see if more are interested by end of the month. There is some enthusiasm for this event as it was well received in the past. Please consider hosting a table.
- **Mini Retreats for women**- There will be a retreat for women at our church on Tuesday evening the 13th – time is from 7-9 PM. Retreats to follow on the first Monday of the upcoming months. Father John will lead the meditation and confession will be offered.

Father John closed the meeting with a prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Next meeting will be October 15th at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrie Lewey, Secretary