

## SJTW Catholic Church Women's Group Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2017

**Seven members present.**

**President Barbara Callan** called meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. She led members in a prayer.

**Secretary Terrie Lewey** read the minutes from the January meeting. Minutes were approved and archived. Minutes are posted on the SJTW website.

**Treasurer Nancy McHugh** read the updated treasurer's report with a beginning and ending balance of \$4,374.88. Report accepted and archived.

### Old Business

**Visiting homebound:** No report given as Marion Croker was absent and Father Orr was unable to attend meeting. Barbara and Nancy reported that cards were sent on behalf of our group and a mass was said for Nelda Bishop who passed away recently. She was a loving and giving woman who supported all the efforts of our group as well as being active in the parish choir

**Grotto update:** Regarding the grotto, Barbara reported that she is working with Rocco Rescigno and Brian Baldwin of the Knights of Columbus on selection of plants and the removal of old and dead planting as well as putting in new plants. The knights volunteered to help us and members agreed that we would make a donation to the KC for their efforts. Barbara asked members for any suggestions that they may have on plants that are drought resistant for the grotto. Members discussed the condition of the knock-out roses and decided watch them giving a little time to see if they bounce back from last year before pulling them out and planting something else. Brian said that it is early yet and work would not begin for awhile.

**Ecumenical Pot Luck:** SJTW played host to the Madisonville Christian churches that participate in this community event on January 29<sup>th</sup>. We had about 30 participants join us for the pot luck. There were two ministers from other churches who joined Father Orr in the service and some other attendees came to the service and not the pot luck dinner. These services are the fifth Sunday evening of the month and rotate through the participating denominations.

**Funeral Meals and memorial lunches:** Last meeting we decided to maintain a phone list of women in our parish who cared to volunteer to help at funeral lunches and memorials. It is a problem getting enough response using just email. We updated our list at this meeting. Several women will have a copy of the master list to help with making contact easier. We have a good group from both masses. We decided that being able to offer family members a choice of a meal after service or just the dessert and coffee and tea option allows all involved more flexibility in the case of that early afternoon service that does not hit at a meal time. We also decided to have a signed condolence card for family with a mass offering for the deceased at each funeral that we offer our services.

**Book Club:** *The Girl Who Wrote in Silk* by Kelli Estes will be discussed on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Barbara Callan Home. New members welcome.

### New Business:

**Lenten Luncheon:** We still have no confirmed date for the luncheon at SJTW. It is set on each Wednesday during Lent and rotates through participating Christian churches in Madisonville area. When we get our date, we will notify the parish through email and the bulletin. Lunches are free and include a wide selection of homemade soups and sandwiches along with beverage. Lunches are a 12:00 P.M. All are invited to attend.

*STJW Catholic Church Women's group meets every third Saturday of each month at 10:00 A.M. unless notified of a change. All women in the parish are urged and invited to attend. The Women's group is an outreach and support group for this parish.*

Respectfully submitted,

Terrie Lewey, Secretary