

SJTW Women's Group Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 A.M. by Barbara Callan (president). The group recited a prayer to begin their meeting; twelve members were present. Father Julius joined the group.

The **minutes from the February meeting** were read, accepted, and filed in the archives.

The **Treasurer's report** (Nancy McHugh) from February was read, accepted, and filed in archives. No transactions occurred and ending balance is \$5415.56.

Old Business:

Altar cloth: Marion Crocker reported that she has purchased the altar cloth discussed at last meeting. The price is \$366.85. Members were very agreeable with the purchase. Marion stated that we still need help with laundering altar cloths throughout the year. Susan Meyer and Peggy Howe volunteered to take up this assignment.

Visiting Homebound: Marion reported that she is visiting two parish members at this time.

Book Club: The next book is *A Fall of Marigolds* by Susan Meissner.

Grotto update: Eileen Askey has contacted us stating that she remains committed to the Grotto garden plantings and upkeep. She expressed concern that the sprinkler system will remain in good working condition. We assured her that it will be fine and that repairs were made last summer as well. Barbara will contact Rocco about the spring startup of the system.

Discussion of plans for 2019- review of dates for Italian Dining Out - October 19th and Advent Tea in December (5th). A poll was taken from members present for those who care to host a table for the Advent tea in December. Three tables committed at the is time. We need eight tables.

Lenten Luncheon: A reminder to all who have volunteered on March 20th when our church will host the Lenten Luncheon for the Christian community of Madisonville. Lunch is served at 12:00 PM. Please bring your soups and sandwiches before 11:00 AM for setup. Funds collected are donated to Good Shepherd. Nancy will pickup chips, crackers and tea. Irene will get plastic table coverings and paper product supplies.

Storage of our supplies: Irene Klinefelter reported that she and Mary Baldwin cleaned and straightened the parish hall storage closets and found room for our specific supplies for funerals and upcoming events such as the Lenten Lunch. She suggested purchasing a portable unit to place in a closet that would contain our supplies. Father Julius approved this suggestion. We also found a place under the stairs to store our chair covers and other supplies for the Advent tea. Thank you, ladies, for your hard work.

New Business:

Stations of the Cross: On March 22nd, the Women's group is responsible for leading the stations on Friday evening at 7 PM. We need two readers and a someone to hold the cross as we move from station to station. Marion and Rose Urban volunteered. We encouraged all women to attend that evening in particular.

Dinner event for Father Julius's mother: Several members are attempting to organize a date and time for a dinner or luncheon for Father Julius's mother, who is visiting from Nigeria; members took the opportunity with Father Julius being present to find an acceptable date. After discussion about schedules, these members will work together to settle on the date and make arrangements for the parish to host this event. Details to follow.

Announcement of death of family member of former parishioners: Barbara told members of the sudden and recent death of Marc, the son of John and Joanne Murphy. The Murphys were active members of our parish for several years and well-remembered by many today. They purchased and donated the St. Joseph statue in front of our church. Joanne was a very active member of our group in particular. Barbara will bring a card on Wednesday to be signed and sent to the Murphys from our group. We will offer a mass in his name.

Father Julius wants the members of the Women's group to know how much he appreciates all that we do for our parish. He hopes that our group will grow in number and continue to work with strong resolve and willing hearts in the years ahead.

We encourage the support of the Knights of Columbus upcoming activities. March 22nd is a soup and sandwich dinner in the church hall and a fish fry is planned for April 12th. The Knights will have a Large Yard sale in the Spring (May) to raise funds for their charitable causes. Please donate some items to this event. They do have a storage unit to hold items.

Father Julius led a closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Callan, President