

## **SJTW Catholic Church Women's Group**

### **May 20, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

**Ten members were present.**

**President Barbara Callan** called meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. She led members in a prayer.

In the absence of **Secretary Terrie Lewey**, Barbara read the **minutes** from the February meeting. Minutes were approved and archived. Minutes are posted on the SJTW website.

**Treasurer Nancy McHugh** read the treasurer's report: beginning and ending balance is \$4,364.88. Report is accepted and archived. In addition, a donation to the group for \$50.00 just came in with intention for use at the grotto. A thank you note will be sent.

### **Old Business**

**Visiting Homebound:** Marion Croker stated that she is visiting (with communion) one parishioner at this time. In relation to parish outreach, Barbara mentioned that she has sent two "thinking of you and get-well cards" as well as a condolence card. Nancy suggested that the women's group arrange a Mass be said for Diane Dipzinski. All present agreed and Nancy will take care of that.

**Grotto Update:** Barbara reported that much has been done at the grotto due to the much-appreciated efforts of Eileen Askey from Overhill Gardens (East Tennessee Native Plant nursery) on Citico Road in Vonore. In March, Eileen volunteered her creative design skills, numerous and varied plants, and labor to completely replant the beds around our grotto. She has completed this endeavor and now we will have continuous blooming plants and year-round color at the grotto. Eileen has been an answer to our prayers. Another true blessing to our grotto has been the hard work of parishioner Rocco Rescigno, who volunteered to install a much-needed sprinkler system. He has completed his work as well. Both of these individuals have demonstrated true devotion to our Lady as they worked to provide a lovely place for prayer and meditation for our parish. They have saved the Women's group a considerable amount of money as well as the frustration to try to find professionals who would care for our beloved grotto. Thank you notes will be sent. On a side note, Dee Rescigno noted that the parish needs to have the water pressure checked as the supply to the system is slightly deficient. Barbara will report the problem to the appropriate committee.

**Report from May 2017 KDCCW convention/ Picture Christians Project:** Barbara and Nancy attended the convention held at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Maryville on the first weekend of May. This event is always inspiring. This year the key note speaker was Jeff Gardner the founder of Picture Christians Project. His purpose is to bring world attention to the persecution and genocide of Christians around the world. We are encouraged to pay greater attention to this horrific tragedy. Please visit [picturechristians.org](http://picturechristians.org) Give your attention and support. Next year the convention is in Chattanooga.

**Book Club:** the next book is Jerusalem Maiden by Talia Carner

**Update on Funeral dinner volunteerism:** Last meeting we decided to develop a list of folks who volunteer to help with funeral dinners. Usually we rely on an email announcement, but due to short notice and sometimes slow response, we find at times it will help to go to a reliable list of names and contact them directly. Anyone who would care to be added to the list, please contact Barbara.

### **New Business**

**Father's Day Brunch:** as with last year, it is decidedly best for the two morning Masses to make their own arrangements for the brunch as per the needs and desires of those attending the 8 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. Masses. Key members attending these masses will poll parishioners as to what they want to prepare and serve for the special day.

**Save the date for Italian Dining Out:** Just a reminder that we will go forward with this event for October 2017. Usually it is the third Saturday night in October. This is a good opportunity for parish fellowship. The response from those attending is always positive.

**Advent Tea 2017:** Several members continue to encourage planning an **advent tea by candlelight** this year. This is spiritual outreach to women of the parish to come and be a guest at a lovely evening of music and recollection of the true meaning of the season. It is usually on a Thursday evening before Advent. This year that would be November 30<sup>th</sup> but we could do it December 7<sup>th</sup> as well. It is completely free of cost to our guests. Is anyone is interested in being involved in this event, contact Barbara.

*STJW Catholic Church Women's group meets every third Saturday of each month at 10:00 A.M. except in the summer months. 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,

Barbara Callan