

SJTW Women's Group Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 10 A.M. by President Barbara Callan. Twelve members were present. Father John Orr led the group in prayer.

Secretary Terrie Lewey highlighted minutes from the September 2016 meeting as it was the last formal business meeting. To further explain, the October meeting actually was used as set up time for the Italian Dinner. In September, the group discussed our withdrawal from participation in the Madisonville Tuesday night Pot luck dinners due to lack of interest in our parish. We still encourage any individuals who may favor this outreach to get involved and contact Gail Henley. The minutes from September are posted on the SJTW website.

Treasurer Nancy McHugh was not present but Barbara gave the report. December beginning balance \$4,534.88. Deposits include a \$100.00 donation and a 50.00 donation. Expenses include checks to NCCW for 100.00 dues; 10.00 to Smokey Mountain Deanery; 200.00 for Father Orr Christmas gift. The balance is \$4374.88. Treasurer's report was accepted and archived.

Old Business:

Visiting homebound report: Marion Croker stated that she is bringing communion upon their request to two parishioners. Prayers are requested for two families in the parish as well. Knowing that all are interested, Marion mentions that Nelda Bishop and her husband are living with family up North and that Nelda is in hospice. Keep them in your prayers.

Grotto Update: Our plans for Spring for the grotto is to replace the shrubs and plants that did not survive the drought and disease of summer. Rocco is working with Barb to decide on best selections to plant. We intend to hire the actual planting to be done by professionals.

Italian Dinner update: Our second annual Dinner was again a success and is on the 2017 calendar. We have some notes on items to revise for next time. All who attend have a good time and so do the workers. It was suggested that we should look at increasing the ticket price as our selection of food is impressive. The venture brings in over \$1,100.00. With set up of large buffet and then dining tables, our church hall can hold only a limited number of people. With pre-sale tickets, our guests like to come with friends and some wine and stay for most of the evening.

Book Club: The book for February is The Girl Who Wrote in Silk by Kellie Estes. Date will be announced to members of club.

New Business:

Ecumenical Pot Luck and Service: SJTW Catholic Church will host the pot luck dinner on January 29th at 5:45 PM in the church hall. We will provide bread and beverages. Sue MacDuff volunteered to bring the bread. We will have coffee and tea. Attendees will each bring a dish of choice to share. We never know how many will show up. For those who plan to help set up – be there before 5 PM. The service will take place in the Church after the dinner. Also, attendees make a donation to Good Shepherd in the spirit of giving.

Funeral and Memorial luncheons: We have had two funerals and a memorial in the last months. In reviewing our procedure to provide a nice meal for families, we find that contacting parishioners by email has been difficult. It is decided that in addition to the email network, we will have a list of volunteers with phone contact information. The list includes members from both masses. Something different that we should continue is to offer a dessert and coffee and tea alternative to a full meal and this would be for that time in the middle of the afternoon. This will give families a choice. We consider this outreach a true ministry. Please contact Barbara Callan if you would like to volunteer.

It was suggested that our group give the family a card of condolence and offer a mass for the deceased. Ginnie Aloia has a number of cards that she will share for that purpose.

Lenten Luncheon: During Lent, there is a Lenten luncheon each Wednesday. SJTW has a tentative date set for March 8th. The procedure is that we provide a variety of soups and sandwiches at 12:00 PM. It is free to all, but do request a donation to Good Shepherd.

Request from Good Shepherd: They are looking for A CPA or accountant to audit their books before June. After some discussion, members came up with some suggestions.

Parish Directory Update: Father Orr reports that the office is looking at different companies for a new parish directory.

Father John closed the meeting with a prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Terrie Lewey, Secretary