

## **SJTW Women's Group Meeting Minutes**

**February 16, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Barbara Callan (president). The group recited a prayer to begin their meeting, fourteen members were present.

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

**The Treasurer's report** (Nancy McHugh) from January was read, accepted, and filed in archives. The beginning balance was \$5335.74; deposits \$89.82 for the Stanley funeral dinner; expenses \$10.00 for a *Mass on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM for Judy Stockwell*. Ending balance is \$5415.56.

### **Old Business:**

**Visiting Homebound:** Marion Crocker reported that she is visiting three parish members at this time.

**Book Club:** Books include *Doll-baby by Laura Lane McNeal* and *Hornet Flight by Ken Follett*; 2/28 in home of Barbara Callan at 6:30 PM.

**Grotto update:** The knock-out roses have been cut back, and we see some plants are budding out already. We are prepared for any Spring expenses involving the grotto.

**Ecumenical Potluck** in January- we had 75 in attendance downstairs for the potluck and 85 upstairs for the service. Funds collected were donated to Good Shepherd.

**Discussion of plans for 2019-** review of dates for Italian Dining Out - October 19<sup>th</sup> and Advent Tea in December (5<sup>th</sup>). Again, stressing the need in August to confirm hosts for 8 tables at the tea and what that commitment involved for any new members who may not know.

**Dee Rescigno asked about the proposal to purchase wipe-clean reusable tablecloths** for the tables in the church hall. Although we felt the price was perhaps too high, we agreed that Dee would talk to Our Lady of Fatima parish women about their costs and experiences with these cloths and bring more information back to us.

**Funeral procedures update:** Again, we want to stress that afternoon funerals will be provided with a dessert and coffee/beverage reception in the church hall. For morning funerals, we will offer a full lunch. Also, we would like a family member to call either Barbara Callan or Nancy McHugh for arrangements. Sue McDuff may be contacted if unable to reach our first contacts.

### **New Business:**

**Lenten Luncheon:** On March 20<sup>th</sup>, our church will host the Lenten Luncheon for the Christian community of Madisonville. We usually plan for 60 or more attendees. We serve various types of soup and sandwiches. Seven members volunteered soup and five volunteered sandwiches thus far. We will need more volunteers. The lunch is served at noon. Volunteers may start to set up at 10:30. Funds collected are donated to Good Shepherd.

**Marion proposed that our group purchase a new altar cloth for the parish.** A vote was taken and all fourteen members present agreed that Marion proceed with the order.

**Storage of our supplies:** We discussed a list of our supplies to replenish for funerals and upcoming Lenten Lunch. Also, Marion suggested a place (under the stairs) to store our container of chair covers for our Advent Tea. We continue to be vigilant in purchasing the supplies needed to provide services to the parish. Irene Klinefelter will make the needed purchases for us. Irene and Mary Baldwin will straighten out some closets to better organize supplies.

**Announcement was made of the memorial service for Clair Schwartz** on 2/19 at 6 PM at the Bierley-Hale Funeral Home in Madisonville.

**Possible Retreat opportunities:** Dee mentioned that St. Thomas parish is hosting a women's three-day retreat in Benton and may open it up to others outside of the parish. She will bring any follow-up information to us. Dee suggests we look into a one-day retreat for women of our parish. She will look into possible dates and services in Benton.

**We encourage the support of some of the Knights of Columbus upcoming activities.** Fat Tuesday March 5<sup>th</sup> is a dinner (gumbo) and a fish fry is planned for April 12<sup>th</sup>. The Knights will have a Large Yard sale in the Spring to raise funds for their charitable causes. Please donate some items to this event.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Callan, President