

ST. WILLIAM WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING MINUTES

January 4, 2023

-President Christine DePascale called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. All officers were present. There were 43 in attendance. Christine led us in an opening prayer. She thanked the evening's hostesses; Maria Butcher, Margie McCummins, Renita Mintus, Linda Horm, Erin Lee, Barbara Mendik, Peg Poponak, Cathy Poponak, Andrea Runyan, and Jeanette Jaskiewicz. New members Mackenzie Parnell and Mary Heaton were introduced, as well as a guest; Renee Talabac.

MINUTES

- Secretary Cathy Poponak read the October minutes. Liz Dunlap moved to accept the minutes as read; Linda Horm seconded the motion, guild unanimous. Correspondences were read.

TREASURER REPORT

- Treasurer Gloria Karafa reported on the November and December monthly account breakdown.

-Highlights of the November report are as follows;

Beginning balance

\$25,594.34

Income \$101.10

Expenses \$1,591.22

Ending balance \$24,104.22

Specific details are on file.

-Highlights of the December report are as follows;

Beginning balance \$24,114.22

Income \$6,806.00

Expenses \$2,425.61

Ending balance \$28,494.61

Specific details are on file.

PASTOR'S REPORT

-Father Balash discussed the following;

Fish Dinners-Begin Friday February 17th. Due to the rising cost of fish, the dinner price will increase, amount yet to be determined. The serving system used last year was successful so will remain the same this year.

Parking Lot-ODOT refused to allow the entranceway to be moved as planned and budgeted for. Therefore Father is looking into other ideas such as cementing the area between the social hall and office, a light near the bend in the exit, and additional landscaping near the outdoor freezer. Work should begin around late April, early May. 308 Cash Bonanza tickets have been sold so far. Please continue to sell tickets. The Gala is being planned and is scheduled for Saturday March 4th.

Parish changes-Father Furlong of St Thomas the Apostle, and Father Kish of St Robert will be meeting with Father Balash this week to discuss the changes that will be taking place beginning July 1st upon the retirement of Father Kish. A new configuration combining the 3 parishes will be referred to as Trumbull North. Father Balash and Father Furlong will share the responsibility of all three parishes, largely due to the priest shortage. Specific detail of the new model is yet to be determined. What we do know is that there will be only 2 masses at St William each weekend, one on Saturday, one on Sunday.

Bishop Bonnar visit-Bishop Bonnar will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany with us. He will preside at the 11:00Am mass. A light reception will follow. Please attend.

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE REPORT

-Tina McCue reported that there will be a parish retreat on Saturday February 11th. It will focus on the Eucharist. Little Rock Scripture Study will begin on Monday January 9th. There will be a morning and evening session. It will focus on the second half of the book of Genesis.

OLD BUSINESS

-Renita Mintus passed out an order sheet for WG t-shirts. Color is yet to be determined. If you would prefer to pick out a t-shirt of your own liking, but of the same color as the rest of the t-shirts, the decal can be applied for a minimal charge.

- Maria Butcher reported on the Christmas craft show. Total profit was \$3,979.53 which included table rentals, basket raffle, and food sales. Tina reported that cabbage rolls and pierogi sold out early, so we will make more of those next year.

-Christine DePascale reported that the parish Christmas dinner was a great success, and thanked the committee.

-Gloria Karafa reported on the Christmas kolachi bake. She said it was very successful. All rolls were sold out at \$12.00 per roll. The Easter kolachi bake is scheduled for Wednesday March 22. Pre-orders will be taken. There will be a limit of 4/person. Considering the rising cost of ingredients, there was discussion about raising the price of the kolachi, while keeping the kolachi both affordable and profitable. Liz Dunlap moved to raise the kolachi price from \$12.00 to \$15.00. Linda Horm seconded the motion. A vote was taken and 2 were opposed. There was further discussion. Margie McCummins moved to rescind the previous motion, Maria Butcher seconded the motion; guild unanimous. Further discussion led to Margie McCummins moving to increase the price of kolachi from \$12.00 to \$14.00. Liz Dunlap seconded the motion; guild unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

-Linda Horm reported on the need for fish dinner volunteers. She emphasized that each dinner is a Monday through Friday endeavor, with many jobs that need to be done throughout the week. There will be a signup sheet, and a worker meeting soon.

-President Christine DePascale mentioned the suggestion of the WG purchasing a Cash Bonanza ticket. This led to a lengthy discussion. Some members suggested the WG purchase more than one ticket. Some members questioned what the money would be used for if the WG won the raffle. Others suggested it would not be fair to individuals who bought tickets. The discussion was tabled until the February meeting, to give members time to think about the issue, and to see how many tickets were left to purchase.

UPCOMING EVENTS

--Linda Horm reported on Bishop Bonner's reception to be held on January 8th after the 11AM mass. Egg casseroles, French toast casseroles, and mini muffins will be served. Everything is in order.

-Maria Butcher reported on Purse Bingo being held on April 20th. The state bingo license has been obtained. 18 tables have already been reserved. There will be a basket raffle and a 50/50 raffle. There will be a delicious meal served, but the exact menu has not been finalized. The purses were reviewed. Donations are still being accepted. Half of the proceeds will go to the parking lot project. Volunteers are needed. There will be a committee meeting on January 25th at 6PM.

-Tina McCue reported for the Gala committee. The Gala will be held after the 5PM mass on Saturday March 4th. Adult beverages and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. The caterer is yet to be determined. The Mintus family has donated the decorations. There will be musical entertainment, possibly dancing. It is an adult only, RSVP only event. Two adults may attend for every Bonanza cash raffle ticket purchased. Tina passed around a sign-up sheet to be on the committee.

WRAP UP

- The 50/50 drawing totaling \$80.00 was won by Peg Poponak.

-The next Women's Guild meeting will be held on February 1, 2023. Everyone is asked to bring a wrapped gift worth \$10 to participate in "A Very Merry Unbirthday Celebration. There will be a 50/50 drawing with proceeds going toward Bella Women's Center

-President Christine DePascale asked to adjourn the meeting. Renita Mintus moved that the meeting be adjourned; Sandy Hudak seconded the motion, guild unanimous. Meeting ended at 8PM. A game night was held afterward.

-Minutes respectfully submitted by Cathy Poponak, Secretary.