

## **Women's Council Meeting Minutes: September 11, 2018**

**Call to Order:** Donna E.

**Opening Prayer:** Memorare led by Janet B.

### **Prayer Intentions**

General Intentions

Pope Francis's intention for September: That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

**Welcome and Introductions:** Donna E.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Donna E. expressed gratitude for having the WC installation on the Feast of Pentecost. This year's theme is the parable of the mustard seed. Everyone received a mustard seed prayer card as a reminder that the small things we do can make the biggest difference - for with faith in God, all things are possible.

Donna E. introduced the board and thanked outgoing officers, director, Amy N., and treasurer, Renae B., for all their service to the WC and parish.

In this 79<sup>th</sup> year of WC at St. Charles, despite many changes in WC, the purpose remains the same: to serve the women of this parish spiritually, socially, and to provide opportunities to serve the parish and community. As WC we are part of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) and National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW).

### **Installation of Darcie V. as Treasurer**

#### **Program for the evening:**

##### **Presentations by Parish Staff:**

Fr. Przybilla

Jacob Nelson – Faith Formation

Tom Harrington – Stewardship and Development Director

Mary Perrin – Financial Assistant

Gayle – Parish Secretary

Tom Pomeroy – Parish Administrator

Samantha Bertrand – Communications

Rachel Houglum – Youth & Young Adults

Mary Anne Frank – Parish Nurse

Deacon Najarian – Outreach opportunities at St. Charles

### **Thank you to Stella R. and Theresa F. for the pies and hospitality**

#### **Bride and Groom Rooms Refurbishing Project – Monica D.**

Monica presented some basic needs to update these rooms to make them more welcoming to those getting married at St. Charles. Simple things like fans and dehumidifiers, a lock on the Groom's Room door, and so forth. There is also an evangelization piece to this project in helping these new couples feel connected and welcomed at St. Charles and to see St. Charles as a place to stay and grow in faith. A

committee is being formed with Renae B as chair. If you are interested in joining the committee or donating funds contact Renae B or Donna E.

## **Break for Hospitality and a Field Trip to the Bride's and Groom's Rooms**

### **General Meeting**

**Secretary Report** – Mary W. reported

April meeting minutes were approved. Thank you messages read.

**Treasurer Report** – Darcie V.

Our total income over 2017-18 year (\$2165.00) minus our total expenses (\$2056.85) left us with a gain of \$108.15.

### ***Reports for Upcoming Events and Projects***

***Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*** –Amy O.

This is a program intended to promote unity and community within the parish by getting 6-8 adults (must be 21 or over) together for dinner every other month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. Registration can be done on the parish website. The next dinner that reservations are being accepted for is 12/1. Participants will not know who will be at dinner (or who is coming to dinner) until that night. The time commitment to run the program is about 1 hour every 2 months, and the cost is minimal (postcards, postage, and posters). Committee is Lynette N., Allison K. and Amy O.

***Mats for the Homeless*** – Donna E.

*Weaving Love Minnesota* is a group that has been using plastic bags to make mats for the homeless. After learning about this project at the deanery meeting, Gail L. has started making these mats (see sample after the meeting). Franciscan Brothers of Peace will accept these mats for those in need. You can come to the Craft Night to learn how to make the plarn for the mats. More on these mats at the November meeting!

***Meals on Wheels*** – Nina N.

Seven or eight drivers are needed to help with MOW at 11:15 for about 45 minutes on one Thursday and one Friday per month. Ideally, the MOW committee has a number of people signed up to be possible drivers, and each month they call and put together a team of drivers – those on the list do not necessarily have to drive each month. Always looking for more people to add to the list. Meals are picked up at the Wesleyan Church at 33<sup>rd</sup> and Lincoln NE. **A special thank you to Rose W. and Carol Y. who have been doing the calling for this ministry for 30 years!!!** The new committee is Becky S., Judy P., and Nina N.

***Craft Night*** - Siobhan D.

Siobhan D. is helping Amy N. with Craft Night. The next Craft Night is Saturday, September 15, in St John Education Center after the 5 PM Mass – an opportunity for some great fellowship!

***Deanery*** – Jean B.

The next Deanery Meeting is on 9/24 at St. Alphonsus. Please RSVP to Jean B. by 9/19.

Last year our WC collected \$80 for the ACCW Madonna Plan, and throughout the whole ACCW, \$14,840 was raised!

**Kitui Dormitory Project – Teresa D.**

Teresa reported on the ACCW affiliation with the women of Kitui, Kenya. The goal is to provide safe housing for college age girls. Currently there is housing for 14 students. The project has been delayed due to drought and lack of funds. The hope is to raise \$50,000 by December.

**NPH (*Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos*) –Deacon Najarian**

The parish will be hosting students from NPH El Salvador in October. The students will be performing for our parish after Masses on Sunday, Oct. 7.

**Fall Fest– Donna E.**

Help is needed to sell raffle tickets, especially at Fall Fest on October 6. Please let Donna know if you are interested.

**Apple Pie Sale– Carol Y.**

The Apple Pie Library Fundraiser will take place the weekend of October 26-28. There are 3 shifts available to sign up for baking: 1) Friday, October 26, 5-9:30 pm, 2) Saturday, October 27, 8:30 am–noon, and 3) Saturday, October 27, noon to 4:00 pm. Volunteers may call or email Carol Y. Pies will be sold after the Masses that weekend.

**Coast to Coast Rosary– Dona E.**

The hope is to cover our country in prayer on Sunday, October 7, at 3:00 pm. Please gather outside the main entrance to the church on Stinson Avenue.

**Announcements**

**October Meeting – Donna E.**

Our October meeting will be a Living Rosary followed by a talk on Fatima by Barb E.

**President's Acknowledgments**

Thank you to the following people:

- Theresa F. and Stella R. – the pie ladies
- Janet B. for the rosary and the opening prayer:
- Catherine W. for her work on the Connection/Welcoming Committee
- Renee W. for spearheading Fr. Colin Jones's ordination reception
- Tim Mezzenga & Tracy Printing for the big discount on our WC booklet and congratulations for the Leading with Faith Award.
- The parish staff who joined us tonight
- Teresa D. and the executive Board

**Closing Prayer – Janet B.**

Our Lady of Good Counsel

**Adjournment**

**Raffle Drawing**