

Tri-Parish CCW & M Meeting
October 2, 2019
St. Mary's, Minong, WI

Call to order 10:00 AM with the opening prayer.

Members Present: Milly Thissen, Sharon Monahan, Kathy Birtzer, Mary Brand, Carol Smith, Kirk Walters, Paula Naill, John Hallman, Terry Turek, Cathy & John Ney, and Betty Glaser

Minutes - Motion made by Betty Glaser and seconded by John Ney to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2019 meeting. Motion passed.

Agenda Additions - Middle River Valentine date and loan of coffee carafes to Ladies of the Lake luncheon

Financial report - \$1,319 for refrigerator at St. Pius. Luanne and her husband listed the old one on Craig's List - for free - and someone from St. Cloud came and removed it (A big thank you to Luanne and her husband!) New refrigerator - Prime Appliance - with delivery scheduled for October 25. Milly has spent \$2,777.82 for smoke/fire detectors from Menards and has a rebate credit. Labor costs remaining \$400. Remaining balance \$5,523.37 as of today (Milly to be reimbursed for the refrigerator). The fire department is recommending the program be expanded because of the need. Upcoming pie sales will go towards COMFORT chili kits and the Gordon Food Shelf. Motion made by John Ney and seconded by Kathy Birtzer to approve the financial report. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- Friendship Pie Raffle - five more pies to deliver - feedback positive
- July membership - two additions plus updates from office. 101 member \$1,725 income - successful and should repeat (Milly donated the stamps)
- August Interfaith Picnic (John and Terry) - eight more people than the previous year - fun - good time - good food.
- Ice cream social September 1 - big success, suggested to do Memorial Day and Labor Day. Milly e-mailed St. Pius, received two responses, suggested 4th of July, but they didn't think that would be a good date nor get many people. St. Mary's - include Saturday night next summer as people felt "left out".

New Business:

- Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors Project - success all the way around - surprised at how many out of date they came across and houses with no detectors. Couldn't get all the people on the list so would like to continue over the winter months. Milly has contacted Gordon and Solon Springs again but has not heard from them and will follow up.

- Back of bulletin - next ad will be for the Christmas party - Milly suggested the Advent wreath theme of *love, joy, hope and/or peace - world peace*. The party is **December 7** - St. Mary's - 10 AM set up - 11 AM social - noon lunch. Silent auction after lunch. Theme - ***Peace***.
- **October 18** pie baking - nine people+ helping - Milly will set up "stations" the day before - ran out of apple last year so will make more this year - goal of 50 pies - St. Pius 9 AM - bring recipes if you have them - and/or drop off pies on the 19th. Pot luck lunch that day.
- **October 19** - set up at Henson's - John Hallman's banners at Henson's and roads into town - set up and shut down and all day people. Should we stay with the same pricing? Yes! Bring crafts Wednesday, **October 16**, drop off at St. Mary's or the morning of the **19th** at Henson's. Sale announced in the Catholic Herald but they left out pie info. Milly is putting flyers on bulletin boards. Posted on parish Facebook and others could post also. Cathy, Betty & Josie will make chili - same pricing as before.
- **October 26** - fall outside cleaning - Josie - bring your rakes and shovels, trimmers, power wash the sidewalks, leaf blowers, two shrubs to take out and haul away, wash windows. Start at 9 AM at St. Mary's. Pot luck. Mary has one child who needs to do community service and she has him coming to St. Pius. St. Anthony's flower beds have already been done (thank you to the Smiths & Blocks). Milly will ask Fran to include on the web site, bulletin and announcements (thank you to Josie for organizing).
- Priest Appreciation Dinner - Milly has not talked to Father yet - Sacred Heart has done this before - host in Minong - invite the Bishop and neighboring parish priests - and get two from each parish to help plan - estimate ten priests to be invited. Sharon from Sacred Heart will plan the menu. Target date **February 2, 9 or the 23**(Sundays). Paula Naill made a motion to approve and Betty Glaser seconded. Motion passed.
- COMFORTS Chili Kits - work with Town of Chicog to assemble - **February 20** at 10 AM at town hall. Milly has the spices, we need a recipe (Milly and Cathy have recipes), possibly purchase ingredients from Sam's Club - Luanne has a membership. Assembly line to put kits together. Pot luck that day also.
- Middle River Valentine card making - made 80 last year and the residents really liked them. Chicog Town Hall at 10 AM - **January 30**. Stay for lunch.
- Namekagon transit bus update - scheduling being determined - should know by November - cost \$1 - six month trial period to see if there's usage (you will have to call the day before and the route will be determined by as needed) Route 77 to Chicog, down County F, US 53 and up to Spooner, and possibly Hayward.
- Helping families in need (policy) - CCW & M made a donation of gift cards to two families after a Minong fire. Father does make donations also from the parishes charity fund. Should we put a committee together? Or the parish? John Ney, John Hallman, Kathy Birtzer, and Terry volunteered for a committee and will bring a recommendation to the next meeting. Invite Luanne to participate also.

New business:

- Coffee carafes - for Lady of the Lakes - Milly will bring them and ensure they are returned.

Church specific:

- St. Pius refrigerator - Luanne and her husband offered the old refrigerator for free on Craig's List and it has been removed so no cost involved - Prime Appliance will refund their charge. St. Anthony - nothing new.
- St. Mary's parking lot - Josie - pulled weeds in cracks - company stopped and warned her that the parking lot will have to be replaced at some point if it's not taken care of - Father agreed to get a quote from Roy's Sealcoating - \$3,000 estimate for patching and striping. Josie tried a couple others - one does not do it any longer and the other has too much already scheduled. Second quote - reseal the whole lot, striping, \$6,100. There has been an informal complaint that the handicapped spaces are not properly marked and we could be fined. Prices are good but who is going to pay for it? The building fund? The St. Pius parking lot needs work also. Josie contacted Father and he asked for specifics - take to the Tri-Parish - next meeting **October 15.**

Committee Reports:

- Funeral - last one was for Ron Ryan - went well - thank you to all those who helped
- Communications - we received a thank you from the COMFORTS Board of Directors for our participation. Mary sent a thank you for the home mass to the host. Request to remember Janette Alwes with cards. Mary has a list of others that she's asked the kids to write but has gotten some feedback that the parents say the kids "don't like to do it". Is anyone interested in taking it on as a ministry? Milly suggested we ask everyone to take a name - send something as often as you would like, etc. Master list passed around for volunteers and Milly will provide the addresses - Mary can tell you more about the recipients if you'd like to know more.
- 2020 Calendar of Events - first draft - Milly needs to reserve the calendar at Henson's on January 2nd to keep out spots - review and come to next meeting with your feedback about the schedule
- Middle River - going well - five regulars - four others when they can - repeated gratification
- Gordon Correctional Facility - Paula is being trained - has done the background check - waiting for an orientation
- Welcome members - new member John Bergstrom - St. Mary's - Milly will call him
- Halloween - Trunk and Treat - St. Mary's - 4-6 PM - **October 31**
- Comforts spaghetti dinner **October 26** at 4 PM - fundraiser - Village Hall

Next meeting **November 12 - St. Pius** - let Milly know if you need to add anything to the agenda

Adjourn 11:30 AM with the closing prayer

Submitted by:
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