

Women of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church (WSJ)

April 21, 2024 Parish Center

The meeting began at 0903 when called to order by President Teresa Fiala with nineteen attendees.

See attached agenda and attendance.

Ann Dvorak opened the meeting with a prayer.

Unless otherwise stated, all motions were passed unanimously.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read by Secretary Finny Sechser with a change in the paragraph about coffee and juice after Mass as conversation without conclusion. A motion from Dee Dahm and Linda Young showed approval with the change.

Teresa shared the financial report from the Ham Dinner - donations totaled \$526; the dinner brought in \$2475 feeding around 212 guests; six complimentary tickets were used; 17 take out meals were prepared; the basket raffle netted \$1461.75 and left over ham sales provided \$78. A total of \$4139.91 was raised. Lynn's Dakotamart was generous in discounts with our food purchases. Teresa asked people to review various types of hams as there are varied opinions about the hams from this year's dinner

Graduation celebration will be May 5 following Mass with the KC's serving pancakes and the WSJ will provide cake and ice cream. Teresa asked for helpers to set up tables on Saturday. Betty Z offered to do dishes after the Sunday event. Joan V will ensure decorations are done and supply baskets for cards for graduates. Graduates include Dominic Dvorak, Katelyn Nelson, Emma Arp, Rachel Miklos, Sydney Garcia, Emily Borkowski and Brit Wheeler. Finny ordered a celebratory cake from Lynn's Dakotamart for ~ \$56.

Agreement was reached to present the scholarship winners at Awards night 5/14 at school. A group to review the scholarships of Gayle S, Dee D, Kathy S, Teresa F and Finny will meet 5/2 at 1330 to determine the two \$1000 winners. The scholarship winners will be announced at Mass.

A one hundred dollar gift will be presented to the Seniors who have faithfully served the church. They include Rachel Miklos, Katelyn Nelson and Brit Wheeler.

Corpus Christi will be celebrated Saturday night following Mass on June 1 and Sunday June 2 following morning Mass with a march to the former grade school site. Receptions will be held in the church basement following the marches. On Saturday the KC's will serve hot dogs/hamburgers and on Sunday the WSJ will serve pastries and coffee or water. Gayle, Jan S, Dee D will obtain supplies and coordinate the event. Recommendation for 12 dozen pastries was made.

Summer Bake Sales will be held on May 25-26 coordinated by Group A with Dee D chairing; July 6-7 coordinated by Group B with Bertina chairing; August 31 - September 1 coordinated by Group C with Joan V chairing. All ladies need to bring baked goods for each bake sale. The income from the bake sales goes to two scholarships to be presented in May to graduating seniors. Average income from past sales is ~ \$1200.

Budget update from Joan shows the budget is in process and starts July 1, 2024. Known expenses for upcoming year are for a new printer, re-sealing the parking lot and painting the parish center.

Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) update from Finny who is the WSJ rep on the Council. Mary Eide has resigned from the Council and is replaced by Scott May who will fulfill her term. The Knights of Columbus will have their brats and BBQ booth August 4,5,6 at the usual location. New food hosts are needed for Wednesday night Catechism groups as the Miklos's have resigned. Anticipation is for around 15 attendees next year. A new church directory will be done this summer in late June and July following Masses - see Finny. The parish center will be re-painted/stained in early summer coordinated by Scott May and Eric Adams. Memorial money for Bishop will go to his favorite projects which is believed to be the Seminarians fund. Elections for new PPC will happen this late summer.

Clean up day for the kitchen is June 8 starting at 0900 (changed to June 15 due to wedding on the 8th).

Elders Dinner will be held on September 21, 2024 at the Stockade Lutheran Church following Saturday Mass. See Finny if you want to help. A list of elders will be created and invitations will be sent to selected guests. If anyone does not feel they are an elder, please let Finny know as this event is for fun not to offend anyone's age.

Jeanie reported that events at church are determined by logistics for timing of events. There is no church rule.

The Gathering Area group consists of Father, Mary Krogman chair, Janet Bily-Wetovich, Scott May, Tom Miklos, Dan Umbach, the Coy's, Joan Vega, Bill Young and Finny Sechser with guest Eric Adams have met and are in the preliminary stages of conversation about where to add on to the church. The goals are for additional space to accommodate 75-100 people; ? can the entry be at the front of the church; we need a larger Baptismal font and we need a straight entry and exit for coffins of the deceased. The belief is that we need 50% of the money needed for the project before it can begin. Rose Wendell provided \$50,000 in her will upon her death which started the fund. We have ~ \$179,000 at present in the fund.

The work group lists will be updated in the future.

Joan stated that Anawim is being restructured with new / updated By-Laws. If interested in participating in this group, let Joan or Kate know. Anawim is intended for one time use for parishioners or others having financial crisis due to a variety of events.

Ann shared that the diocese will have Consecration to our Lady on 5/31 at 1800 with a reception to follow. Pentecost celebrating the birthday of the church will be celebrated on May 19.

Gary 'Doc' Kuchar has loaned the parish an antique bucket for Holy Week and we appreciate the loan and provided a bag of cat food as a thank you.

Conversation about a Parish Fun Day and the need for a hospitality committee was discussed without decision.

Adjournment at 1025 with a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia 'Finny' Sechser