

Women of St. John's Meeting September 18, 2016

Jan Skott opened the meeting with prayer at 9:23 am with 14 in attendance.

Dee Hone read the minutes from the last meeting on April 26, 2016. Monica Whiting motioned that the minutes be approved as read; motion was seconded by Elaine Emery and approved by all present.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed by lone Fejfar, covering activity from April 15th thru Sept. 18th. Expenses included funeral supplies, donation to Destination Imagination, Communicants/Graduation, Pig Roast supplies, sales tax & bank lot rent, plus funds transferred into our contingency account. lone also distributed WSJ Financial Year in Review covering July 2015 thru June 30, 2016. Janet Woytassek motioned to approve the Treasurer's report; motion was seconded by Mary Hoover with approval by all present and appreciation indicated for lone's work with our Treasury fund.

Order of Business / Jan Skott:

Do we continue with the sub-committees: Spiritual, Social/Hospitality, Service & Fund Raising? If so, we need to help out with those in charge. Jan reviewed what the 4 committees involve and the need to get younger parishioners involved.

Dorothy Vershure suggested that we do an insert in the church bulletin pertaining to the sub-committees - challenging for more participation next year. Discussion followed regarding activities by the Service Committee (Monica & Eileen Umbach). They have already provided the meal's main course for Faith Formation on Sept. 7th (left over pork from the Pig Roast) with approximately 100 in attendance. The WSJ Life Teen meal of Sloppy Joe's will begin on October 19th & conducted every 3rd Weds. of the month (excluding summer); parents provide side dishes and help with clean-up. Mary Hoover inquired as to why we feed these groups – response was: helps with attendance since so many of the youth are active in sports after school and haven't had supper. Plus, a lot of the parents are instructors for the classes. Joan Vega motioned that we continue to provide meal support with Life Teen; motion was seconded by Jan and approved by all present.

New Business:

BackPack Program-Jan indicated that Father approved the parish paying for half of the approximate \$600 cost of the 1 month program in February – which is in 2 installments / 2 weeks of lunches at a time. Last year St. John's provided approximately 110 lunches/week. These lunches are provided for families active in an assistance program. Patty Wagner motioned that the WSJ continue to support this program by paying the remaining half of the cost; motion was seconded by Janet Woytassek who indicated she will also try and line up snacks through her employer – Lynn's Dakotamart. Teresa Fiala (teacher) pointed out that the kids are tired of Mac&Cheese provided repeatedly in the past with this program.

Kitchen Clean-up, conducted twice a year (normally after the Ham Dinner and again sometime after the Pig Roast) is scheduled for Saturday, September 24th at 8:00 am and involves cleaning cabinets, stoves, refrigerators, etc. Dorothy Vershure & lone Fejfar will clean the floor.

Ham Dinner for 2017 Tentative proposed date – March 19th. All agreed we should continue since we receive great community support with good parish camaraderie & youth support. Perhaps we should announce in the bulletin the top basket in # of raffle tickets.

Prayer Shawls & Cards – Remember to notify the office if you know of someone in need.

Monetary Gifts for Parish Priest at Christmas & Birthday – Jan motioned that we continue to give \$50 both at Christmas & Birthday (which we need to acquire Fr. Gerlach's birth date); motion was seconded by Dorothy Vershure and approved by all present.

Loyd Thomsen @ Mayo (husband of Karen-Parish Office Mgr.) It was decided to send care package with a shawl, etc. along with family members who might be making a trip to Mayo. Janet Woytassek also motioned that we provide a check for \$500 for expenses acquired during their lengthy stay; motion was seconded by Patty Wagner and approved by all.

Paper Plates vs. Dishwasher To be environmentally proactive, all agreed that the dishwasher should be used at all meal functions. Monica noted that Western SD buys all dishwasher solutions through Senior Meals at no cost to the parish.

Rummage Sale Patty Wagner was involved with the rummage sale in 2015 and suggested we do not do one every year around the same time but perhaps have one in the spring next year or sometime in the future.

Basement Flooring There is a problem with leakage at the tile seams in the kitchen. Dorothy Vershure & Elaine Emery will research for a fix and also plans for floor coverage in the dining area in conjunction with planned parish remodeling status for the basement area.

Janet Woytassek noted appreciation to all WSJ officers & parish members for all their work throughout the year.

The next WSJ meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 13th, following the Knights of Columbus breakfast.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores (Dee) Hone
Secretary, Women of St. John's

