

## Women of St. John's Meeting – October 14, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Mary Woytassek (standing in for Janet W. who was ill this morning) at 9:30am with opening prayer led by Phyllis Wheeler and 15 in attendance. This was the third meeting for 2012 since the Women's Group had been without a President and/or Co-chairperson.

Guest, Don Kistler from the Parish Council, spoke about the recent parish acquisition of the former School District Administration Building for \$185,000, and was present to approach the Women's group to consider contributing funds toward this purchase. He stated the parish has enough funds on hand for the purchase but it would leave the parish without any reserve. This building will provide much needed office space, classrooms, & gathering areas and will eliminate the use of the Rectory for meetings and provide room for growth of the parish, etc. Both floors are handicap accessible with approximately 8,000 sq. ft. Upon leaving, Mr. Kistler thanked the Womens Group for giving him the opportunity to explain the parish's plans for use of this property and the need for additional financial assistance.

Minutes from the September 9, 2012 meeting were not read due to lengthy discussions regarding the new building and the fact that our funds have been committed for use in kitchen remodeling and a presentable gathering place.

Ione Fejfar gave the Treasurer's Report as follows:

Checking Account Balance as of October 1, 2012	\$ 2,500.22
Petty Cash	100.00
Contingency Fund	<u>55,250.50</u>
TOTAL	<b>\$57,850.72</b>

### **New Business:**

**Funds Request for New Parish Building** - Our first commitment of our funds is for kitchen remodel & presentable gathering place. We need to be more open as a parish when decisions are made – the Building Committee was not informed about purchasing the school building – it all happened too quickly!

Now that our parish has been approved to conduct the Senior Meals Program-headed by Monica Whiting as Cook and Laurie Arthur involved with organization, our first commitment will be to remodel the kitchen. The meals program could start as early as November with the current kitchen layout, but once the remodeling plans are finalized and ready to begin, the meals would be temporarily moved to another community church until the remodel is complete. This will all take time. Brenda Oster is submitting a grant for funds from the Diocese but we will not know how much money they will grant until late December. The Senior Meals Program will be run on a totally separate bank account. If our older stoves were to quit working, the Meals Program would replace at their cost. Prairie Hills will provide transportation for seniors.

The following improvements were discussed: raise countertops, new cabinets, stainless-steel counter tops (source on hand), add a commercial sized sink for cleaning of large roasters, relocate the dishwasher to the current pantry area (suggested by KofC along with other improvements). Crazy Horse has offered to donate a steam table. According to Monica Whiting, the asbestos problems have been addressed - new tile can be laid over the existing tile. Elaine Emery motioned we explore the costs for commercial stove/oven and new cupboards – what wouldn't be covered by grant money, the WSJ would make up the difference; motion was seconded by Colleen Mahrt and approved by all present. The following individuals volunteered to be on the Kitchen Remodel Committee and obtain various bids: Dorothy Vershure, Elaine Emery, Laurie Arthur, Dawn Holland & Monica Whiting.

Final note: any offering of funds for the new building will be postponed until the remodel of the kitchen/dining area is complete.

**Advent Program** – Per Colleen Mahrt, scheduled for Sunday, December 16th, 2:00pm, at Custer Lutheran Fellowship Church who will provide the coffee & punch; and the Crossroads church has offered to do the serving again this year. The WSJ will provide the cookies.

**Old Business**

Women's Social will be on Saturday, November 17th, 6:30-8:30pm in the parish hall immediately following Mass. Jeannie Fischer distributed flyers to those present to distribute to other women in the parish inviting them to attend for wine, chocolate, fellowship & brainstorming for ideas about what the women of the parish can do together.

Other Old Business regarding group leaders for Funerals/Social Activities/Fund Raising/Spiritual would be discussed at next month's meeting.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer at 10:30am. Next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 11th, immediately following KofC pancake breakfast.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dee Hone, Secretary