

Women of St. John's Meeting - February 9, 2015

Jan Skott, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm with Ann Dvorak leading with the opening prayer prior to beginning the potluck supper with 27 in attendance. The short business meeting from 6:30 to 7:00pm was to be followed by guest speaker, Susan Safford, Diocesan Dir. of Faith Formation with topic of Lenten Spirituality for Women.

Minutes from the January 14th meeting of the Officers were read; Elaine Emery motioned that the minutes be approved; and seconded by Janet Woytassek with all in approval.

Jan Skott mentioned that the recently revised By-Laws were approved with approximately 37 votes. She will have Fr. Kerry sign and date the By-Laws when he is next available.

Ione reviewed the Treasurer's Report.

Ann Dvorak commented on how nice and fun the Napkin Exchange was on December 1st which also included a Potluck.

Elaine Emery thanked the WSJ for the Cancer lap blanket.

Jan reviewed the Sub-committees noting that we still need someone to head the Service committee. Kim Dillon Hospitality, had nothing to report. Ann Dvorak, Spiritual/Learning Committee reported that Susan Safford will visit us again after Easter, on Sunday, April 12th. Jan circulated sign-up sheets for Ham Dinner Planning, Backpack Program, etc.

New Business – Ham Dinner on March 15th. After much discussion, Saturday, February 28th at 9:00am, we will meet to stuff envelopes to be handed out to parishioners after all masses for two weekends prior to the dinner. Rather than door prizes this year, it was suggested that various organized parishioner groups be approached about compiling gift baskets. Janet also mentioned that perhaps Lois Massa would donate a quilt again this year.

Jan pointed out that we have the Backpack Program to conduct in March again. Also, if anyone knows of a parishioner who is ill, etc., we need to call the information in to the office so a card could be sent.

Donna Hafner reviewed some suggested ideas which have been submitted for a memorial to Fr. Pete.

Group A will conduct Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 3rd; Group B – Confirmation on March 21st; Group C – First Communion on May 10th.

The brief business meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm and turned over to Susan Safford who spoke on the role of women in the church. Total attendance from 7-8pm increased to 34. Susan spoke on Active Receptivity – pointing out the need of serving; we are to embrace the gifts that we have and bring people together; important factors of Lent: prayer/fasting/alms giving. Susan circulated two printouts: *The Examen of Prayer* and *Lectio Divina "Sacred Reading."* This session was closed with prayer at approximately 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Hone, WSJ Secretary