

Women of St. John's Meeting October 11, 2015

(Prior to the start of the meeting, Jan circulated Thank You cards that had been received.)

Jan Skott, President, opened the meeting at 9:35am with prayer and 16 in attendance.

Treasurer's Report as of October 11, 2015 was reviewed by lone Fejfar. She also noted that we served 650 meals over the 4 days of the Pig Roast, with a total net income of \$4,656. lone also circulated a new report – WSJ Financial Year in Review (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015) requested by the Diocese and provided to Fr. Kerry. All present found it very informative and thanked lone for her record keeping.

New Business:

Kitchen Clean-up should be conducted at least twice a year - following our Annual Ham Dinner and the Pig Roast with work performed by the WSJ and Senior Meals personnel. A thorough cleaning has been scheduled for **Wednesday, November 11th at 8:00am**. With enough help, it should take only a few hours. Dorothy Vershure pointed out that we will need Murphy's Soap and stainless steel cleaner, etc. It was suggested that we store some of the larger utensils in a box for use at our annual fund raisers. The drawers are currently so full that they're difficult to open and close. Discussion followed concerning roasters – some were not functioning properly and were discarded but liners were retained for other uses, i.e., Dorothy uses them for the Pig Roast and the YMCA can always use them.

Elections: Jan Skott noted that WSJ Officers serve from January-December and the floor was open for nominations of individuals for next year. There were no nominations; therefore, the current officers (Jan Skott, Pres., Donna Hafner, VP, lone Fejfar, Treas., Dee Hone, Sec'y.) agreed to serve for another year.

Advent Program: Colleen Mahrt announced this year's program is scheduled for Sunday, December 6th.

Recent inquiries: "Why do we continue to hold fundraisers and for what?" lone noted our purpose as stated in the By-Laws is to provide services in the following areas: **Fellowship, Hospitality, Outreach** to those in need, and **Spiritual Growth** and expenses are associated with each. In addition, we help with capital improvements to our facilities, e.g., according to Fr. Kerry, the Parish Council has listed the following items be addressed (in no specific order): parking lot (the city will be paving the alley in 2016); gathering area addition; church air conditioning; dining room renovation-floor, bathrooms, etc. Also to be addressed later for Parish Center – upgrade heating/cooling and add kitchenette. The Council is gathering additional info & price quotes. Discussion followed – Pat Sechser noted air conditioning would be the smallest expense; Karen Larson pointed out the need for signage, e.g. handicap access, etc. Elaine Emery motioned that our funds be committed to the gathering area which would also include dining room floor & bathrooms; motion was seconded by Cathy Brickey and approved by majority with one opposition.

Christmas Cast-off/Rummage & Craft Sale – hopefully an early November date will be set by the Fund Raising chairpersons: Linda Young & Patty Wagner. Notice in Church Bulletin soon!

Service Committee – the WSJ have been asked to provide the meal's main course for the Life Teen meetings every 3rd Wednesday and for the Generations of Faith on March 2, 2016 - some reimbursement is provided. Should we continue this service? Jan Skott noted that we still need someone to chair the Service Committee. Dawn Holland motioned that the WSJ continue this service; Karen Larson seconded the motion & approved by all. Jan assured all present that the committee chairs would have the needed help. Monica Whiting and Eileen Umbach volunteered to lead the committee and agreed to prepare Sloppy Joes for the Life Teen Meal on October 21st (20-30 in attendance). Faith Formation usually includes approximately 80 individuals. Side dishes are provided by those in attendance.

2016 Ham Dinner – to be held on March 13th (Easter is March 27th)

Hand-crafted shawls, throws & cancer blankets have recently been distributed to parishioners who are ill and/or hospitalized. Jan pointed out the importance of calling the church office when you know of someone ill and was thankful to those for the handiworks (Eileen Umbach, Kim Dillon, Dee Hone & others).

Funeral Menu – The WSJ officers suggest we have 3 set options for funeral meals as follows: 1) cold sandwiches; 2) hot sandwiches (e.g. Sloppy Joe's); or 3) soup & sandwiches with suggested donation at \$2/person – all in attendance approved. Jeannie Fischer, who coordinates with the families, will be contacted regarding the menu. Again, it's a suggested donation!

Jan mentioned that we are in need of someone to take pictures at the WSJ activities. It was suggested that Terry Wakeland be approached to provide this service.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 10:50am - the next meeting to be determined at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Hone, Secretary