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ST. MARY'S WOMEN'S CLUB  
Wednesday, September 11, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

Trish welcomed everyone, and Mary Pat led us in an opening prayer. We also prayed for the victims of September 11, 2001 and first responders then and now.

We recognized anniversaries, birthdays, and special events.

Meeting attendance was good, approximately 40 ladies.

Trish thanked all the members who contributed to the parish festival bake sale. Marie Huyge reported that the bake sale was a success.

The club and the board members provided a nice lunch of lasagna, salad, bread, and dessert.

Once again, Cynthia Caulfield will coordinate refreshments for our meetings in the ABC room. Sign-up sheets were circulated.

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MEMBERSHIP ROSTER – Marilyn Wheeler announced that dues should be paid as soon as possible. If members didn't bring their dues to the meeting, they should drop an envelope in the church collection basket. On the front of the envelope, write "Women's Club Dues" and include your name, email address, address, and phone number. Only people who have paid their dues by October will be included on the roster. The new roster will be distributed at the November meeting.

RIBBONS FOR HONOR GUARD – Trish is still working on these.

PLAQUE FOR THE CHAPEL OF THE MADONNAS – Trish showed the very nice plaque recognizing Monsignor Kupinski and said that it soon would be hung on the wall of the chapel.

QUILT RAFFLE – Deb Taetsch announced the winners of the two quilts – both from our club! Bonnie Schmitt won the queen-size quilt, and Pat Krause won the lap quilt. Deb reported that there was a \$2,571 profit on the quilt raffle this year, down approximately \$600 from last year. Ticket sales before and after masses were slow this year; sales at the festival were okay. Deb is looking for 2 people to work with her on the 2025 quilt raffle so that she can train them to take over for her for 2026 and beyond. Please call Deb at 517 449-7778 if you are willing to help.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Lynn Rigoli reported that our club checkbook balance is \$10,522; our diocesan balance is \$8,254. The fiscal year for the club is July 1 to June 30. Total dues collected during the fiscal year was \$1,515, the cookie sale brought in \$1,583, and the 2023 quilt raffle had a profit of \$3,160. We are committed to providing altar needs, including hosts and altar wine. Trish is waiting for a response from Father Bill on what the altar needs will be in this new year.

CARDS SENT FROM THE CLUB – Gloria Price explained that, on behalf of the club, she will send get-well and thinking-of-you cards to club members. Sympathy cards will be sent upon the death of club members or their spouses. If you know of someone in our club that should receive a card, please let her or a board member know.

PROGRAMS – Bonnie Glavich reported that October is an outing month. Normally the outing would be the second Wednesday of the month, but this October it will be delayed. We will be going to the Muskegon Museum of Art for a special exhibition called “Chicago Collects: Jewelry in Perspective.” Because the special exhibit won't be open for our normal meeting time, we will go on October 23. Sign-up sheets were circulated at the meeting. Where we go to lunch is dependent on how many people sign up. Call Bonnie at 616 850-9280 if you would like to attend (but didn't add your name to the sign-up sheet).

The November 13 meeting will be a potluck lunch and game. We discussed Bunco and Bingo. Most of the people in attendance wanted to give Bunco a try, but we will need card tables and other equipment, so Bingo is still a possibility. Note: Regarding the potluck, dessert will be handled by those who signed-up on Cynthia's sheet. Others should bring anything but dessert.

We will have our traditional Christmas Luncheon & Gift Exchange on December 11. Bonnie will be contacting restaurants for this club event.

Other possible programming includes:

- Speaker from Ottawa County Sheriff's Dept on fraud and scams
- Speaker on skin cancer
- Speaker from Four Pointes
- Speaker Monica VerPlank on meditation and yoga
- Report on church mission trip
- iMove exercise demonstration

Bonnie is always open to suggestions for future programs and outings.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Rachel Lohman spoke to the group about her mission to propagate the rosary at funerals. She is looking for people to join her. Any gratuities received will be given to the women's club. If you are interested, please contact Rachel at [LJLohman@att.net](mailto:LJLohman@att.net).

Susan Cochrane shared a story about almost getting taken by a scammer. Everyone beware!  
The board is trying to identify someone that could speak to our club about avoiding scams.

Gloria Draeger said Father Bill has not received much response on his suggestion to move the tabernacle from the chapel to the altar. Women's club members are encouraged to let him know your thoughts about this by sending him an email to [pastor@stmarysl.org](mailto:pastor@stmarysl.org).

Thank you to those who donated toiletries for the food pantry!

Submitted by  
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