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ST. MARY'S WOMEN'S CLUB
Wednesday, January 8, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

Trish welcomed everyone and led us in an opening prayer. We recognized any anniversaries, birthdays, and special events. We had 1 visitor, Okyen Portenga.

"Stop-Start-Continue" - This meeting was focused on feedback from the club. Trish explained that at each table there were sheets where members could comment on things the club should stop doing, things we should start doing, and things we should continue to do. The group was also specifically asked to provide their feedback on our Christmas luncheon. [Note: If any of you were not present at the meeting, please feel free to provide your feedback to me. Just hit REPLY and enter your comments. I will forward them to Trish.]

Long-time parishioner and club member Peggie Williams died in December. The club will provide Honor Guard for her funeral mass at 11 a.m. on January 17th. We hope for a good turn-out for Peggie. Trish expects to have Honor Guard ribbons for participants to wear.

Recap of Christmas Cookie Sale – Lynn Rigoli reported that the club brought in \$1,407 from the sale. After subtracting expenses (tissue paper, boxes, and scales), there was a net profit of \$1,110. Many thanks to all who baked and helped sell! Lynn announced that she will not be chairing the cookie sale in December 2025. She is looking for volunteers to lead it; she will be a co-chair.

Programs – Bonnie was unable to attend the meeting but is working on upcoming programs. One suggestion was to invite an Ottawa County detective to speak to our group. Jackie Berry said that Four Pointes recently held such a session, and it was well received. In March, we hope to have fellow parishioner Kathy Struve talk about her recent mission trip.

Treasurer's Report – Lynn Rigoli reported that after expenses paid for hosts, the cookie sale, and Christmas gifts and donations, our checking account balance is \$11,413. Our diocese balance is still \$8,323.

Cards sent from the club – Gloria Price – Not in attendance.

We received a nice note of thanks from Mary Reck, our parish secretary. She appreciated her Christmas gift of money from the club.

Other business

- (1) Joanne Rupar told us that past club members Yvonne Richards and Marilyn Glick are ailing. Joanne will contact Gloria Price so that “thinking of you” cards can be sent.
- (2) Ann Rumpitz addressed the group about the “Rooted in Christ” strategic plan meetings being held this week at St. Mary. This planning process, requested by the priests of our Diocese, looks to better support our priests and plan for the future of the people of our Diocese. Lynn Palarz attended the session last Tuesday evening (about 15 attendees) and said that it was very interesting. Additional sessions, held in the ABC room, are Friday, January 10 from 10-11:30am, and Sunday, January 12 from 2-3:30pm. Ann encouraged everyone to attend one of these sessions.
- (3) Char Lozicki asked if we could invite Michelle Boerger, Parish Communications and Event Coordinator, to one of our meetings so we can learn all the ways she serves our parish.

Thank you to those who provided refreshments: Bonnie Dobbs, Marie Huyge, Jackie Koehler-Berry, Carol Sedlock, Julie Walkenhorst, and Trish Ostberg. They were delicious!

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

Submitted by
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