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ST. MARY'S WOMEN'S CLUB
Wednesday, November 12, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

Trish welcomed everyone and led the group in the opening prayer. She also recognized recent birthdays and anniversaries, and a new member, Jean Knight. About 30 people were in attendance.

We welcomed Kellie Hall from The Perfect Mix Baking Company who spoke to us about cookie decorating. She gave us tricks, tips, and shopping info and led each one of us in decorating our own cookie using royal icing. It was very informative and fun!

Refreshments were provided by Anita Bouma. They were delicious! Thanks, Anita!

Distribution of Club Roster – Marilyn Wheeler

Everyone present received a printed roster. Please let Marilyn know if there are any corrections or changes needed. Marilyn will bring additional copies to the December Christmas luncheon.

Treasurer's Report – Deb Taetsch for Lynn Rigoli

Actual YTD income is \$4,473 less expenses of \$960 which gives us a YTD profit of \$3,513. We have \$11,911 in our checkbook and \$8,516 in our diocese account.

The group addressed Christmas gifts for the parish staff. Last year, gifts were as follows: Fr Bill \$200; Fr. Ken \$100; Mary Reck \$25; Garret Kelenske \$25; Bill Sibila \$25; Jen Grossman \$25. After some discussion, it was agreed that we would give the same amounts to Fr. Bill and Fr. Ken but give \$50 to each of the full-time staff members and \$25 to each of the part-time staff members. Lynn McMaster moved to accept this proposal; Ann Fortenbacher seconded; motion carried.

Programs – Cynthia Caulfield

Our Christmas luncheon will be at Kirby House at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 10. There will be a buffet of salads and pasta and the price will be \$32 per person which includes tax and tip. Each person can order and pay for their own beverage. We will also have a Costco carrot cake for dessert. There will be an optional gift exchange with no gift "stealing." If you want to participate in this gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift worth about \$10. We need an

accurate count of attendees. If you didn't sign up on the sheet distributed at the meeting, please call or text Cynthia Caulfield at 616 822-1820 by December 7th. We will also be collecting socks (child or adult) which we will donate to the food pantry to be included in the Christmas baskets.

The plan for our January 14 meeting is Chair Yoga. For our February 11 meeting, we will learn how to play Mahjong.

The annual "Cookie Extravaganza" is scheduled for December 13-14. Sign-up sheets for baking and selling were circulated. Cookie drop off is Friday, Dec 12th 12-2 and Saturday, Dec 13th 9-12. We are looking for a volunteer to co-chair this fundraiser; please contact Lynn Rigoli at 616 846-3681 if you can help.

Quilt Raffle – The decision on number and type of quilts for 2026 will be determined by the members of the quilting group. Bonnie Glavich volunteered to chair the raffle ticket sales. We will continue to distribute quilt raffle tickets to all the members of the women's club but, based on ticket selling from the past summer, it was agreed that before/after mass ticket selling will be limited to the two weekends before the parish festival. Tickets will be sold during the festival, too.

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

Submitted by
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St. Mary's Women's Club